REPRODUCTION OF MATERIAL FORM

CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY UNIT

DATE _____

The following material has been reproduced for excising and review at FBIHQ and/or delivery to the House Select Committee on Assassinations:
(See Bufile 62-117290; re HSCA request dated 1-26-78

FILE NO. 100-438794

SECTION Entire File

SERIALS _____ through _____

(except following serials not in file on this date:)

_____

_____

_____

EDF or BULKY: _____

_____

Number of copies made 1 BY JTA

RETAIN THIS FORM AS TOP SERIAL

_____

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

4 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

☒ Deleted under exemption(s) b1 with no segregable material available for release to you.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

☐ Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____ _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

_____

_____

☐ For your information: _____

_____

☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
100-438794-2642

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
DELETED PAGE(S)
NO DUPLICATION FEE
FOR THIS PAGE
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FBI/DOJ

(Rev. 5-22-64)

CONFIDENTIAL

FBI

Date: 4/22/69

Transmit the following in 5488 (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL 6054 AIRMAIL - REGISTERED 7351S (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-115) (P)

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE,
POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE,
MAJOR URBAN AREAS,
RACIAL MATTERS

Remytel 4/21/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Also enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of an FD-376.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum have been disseminated locally to military intelligence agencies, U. S. Attorney, Birmingham, and U. S. Secret Service, Birmingham, and also to the Atlanta Office, Mobile Office, and WFO which offices were requested to furnish Birmingham with registration data of certain vehicles and background information on individuals.

b1

[redacted]

100-438794-2643

11 ENCLOSURE

2 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
2 - Atlanta (Enc. 1) (RM) (100-5718)
2 - Mobile (Enc. 1) (157-3077) (RM)
2 - WFO (Enc. 1) (RM)
2 - Birmingham (1 - 157-115)
(1 - 157-804)

CBS:jam
(10)

17 APR 24 1969

RACIAL INT. SECT.

CONFIDENTIAL

5 MAY 15 1969

Sent M Per

Special Agent in Charge

CONFIDENTIAL

BH 157-115

Bureau agents observing demonstration were:
SAC RALPH J. MILES, [redacted] bnc

CONFIDENTIAL

rev. 4-25-68

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CONFIDENTIAL

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 22, 1969

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE,
POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE
MAJOR URBAN AREAS
RACIAL MATTERS

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6 ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

X for possible interest of the U. S. Secret Service.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available

[ ] may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)
U. S. Secret Service Birmingham

CONFIDENTIAL

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
April 22, 1969

10-1-82

SP 4 J Rm Lel 2

INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

CONFIDENTIAL

CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY ... EXTENSION ... CATEGORY ... DECLASSIFICATION ... 4-22-89

54688, 80549 73578

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE,
POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE
MAJOR URBAN AREAS

The following events were observed by Special Agents of the FBI on April 21, 1969:

At approximately 3 p.m., a crowd mostly Negroes began to gather at Kelly Ingram Park, Birmingham. At approximately 3:30 p.m., a Greyhound type bus appeared bearing District of Columbia license BA331 carrying school-age children said by local officers to be from Ullman High School, 625 South 12th Street, Birmingham. About 3:45 p.m., a group of about 100 individuals over half of which was composed of teenagers and children began to march through the downtown business streets and finally to the Jefferson County Department of Pensions and Welfare. Part of this group blocked the doorway thereto while part of the marchers went into the alley behind the Pensions and Security Building and laid down in the alley blocking all vehicular traffic. Birmingham Police Officers warned them at about 4:37 p.m. that they had two minutes to get up. At approximately 4:41 p.m., they were arrested and searched. Three Negro male adults and one Negro male juvenile refused to obey this order and were arrested. About 4:50 p.m., another Negro adult male was arrested in the alley for refusing to obey an officer. A part of this group of marchers held a brief demonstration at the Jefferson County Food Stamp Office where they made a brief unsuccessful attempt to block the exit of employees. The entire

COPIES DESTROYED
362 OCT 27 1970

CONFIDENTIAL

100-438794-2643

ENCLOSURE

group then marched again to the downtown business area. They began marching around the intersection of 4th Avenue and 17th Street North blocking vehicular and pedestrian traffic in all directions. This was approximately 5:45 p.m. At this point, they were warned by the officer in charge of a contigent of motorcycle and other uniformed officers of the Birmingham Police Department to cease marching around the intersection. At this point, other officers in the Birmingham Police Department Riot Squad moved in with shotguns and rifles. The officers attempted to hold the marchers on the four street corners thus clearing the streets for traffic. One Negro male was arrested at this point. Two Negro females kept pushing children out into the street and were themselves arrested. One of the females firmly resisted arrest and was forcibly taken to a patrol car by officers. This female believed to be Eloise Lewis (Phonetic) reportedly from Atlanta, Georgia. Immediately after the arrest of the two Negro females, the Riot Squad departed and the group of marchers returned to Kelly Ingram Park where they dispersed about 6:30 p.m.

A total of eight persons were arrested.

[redacted] b7C

Observed among the marchers were Herman Leon O'Neal and Richard L. Woods, both Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) staff workers from Atlanta. Another marcher was possibly Don (Joey) Williams, SCLC, Atlanta.

[redacted] b1

[redacted] that a mass meeting was held on that date at the St. Marks CME Church, 201 Iota Street, Titusville, Birmingham, at 7:30 p.m.

CONFIDENTIAL

RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

There were approximately 350 individuals in the church which filled the seating capacity. The main speaker was a stout, chunky Negro male, age approximately 35 to 38, identity unknown who demanded more jobs, increased welfare, and more food stamps. Plans were laid at this meeting to gather at the Kelly Ingram Park at 11 a.m. on April 22, 1969, and march to the City Hall. One of the Negro leaders said he hoped to have 200 marchers "who are not afraid".

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

CONFIDENTIAL

FD-323 (Rev. 11-20-61)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
April 22, 1969

CONFIDENTIAL

Title	SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE MAJOR URBAN AREAS
Character	RACIAL MATTERS
Reference	Letterhead memorandum dated April 22, 1969, at Birmingham.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

CONFIDENTIAL

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

4-750 (2-7-79)

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

2 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

☒ Deleted under exemption(s) b1 with no segregable material available for release to you.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

☐ Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____ , was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

☐ For your information: _____

☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
100-438794-2643X

XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX
X DELETED PAGE(S) X
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
X FOR THIS PAGE X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FBI/DO

D-36 (Rev. 8-22-64)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 10-1-80 BY SP4J Rm/lc

FBI

Date: 4/22/69

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT (Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPE URGENT (Priority)

5468 DSH-73618

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR AND SACS BIRMINGHAM AND RICHMOND

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-42300)

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MAJOR URBAN AREAS, RM.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL APRIL TWENTYONE LAST WITH LEAD FOR WFO TO ASCERTAIN OWNERSHIP OF GREYHOUND TYPE BUS BEARING CURRENT DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LICENSE BA THREE THREE ONE WHICH DISCHARGED SCHOOL CHILDREN AT BIRMINGHAM PARK ON APRIL TWENTYONE LAST.

RECORDS OF DMV, WASHINGTON, D.C., INDICATE CURRENT DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LICENSE BA THREE THREE ONE ISSUED TO ABW TRANSIT COMPANY, SIX HUNDRED NORTH ROYAL STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, FOR NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR GMC BUS.

RICHMOND AT ALEXANDRIA, DETERMINE AT ABW TRANSIT COMPANY CIRCUMSTANCES OF BUS BEING IN BIRMINGHAM. P*

2 - Bureau
3 - Teletype Unit
2 - WFO

GWP:rdl (7)

MR. TRAINOR
ROOM 836 9&D

EX-104

REC-38 157-6752-15

100-438794-2243X1

12 APR 24 1969

APR 24 1969

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

JUL 2 1969 Special Agent in Charge

FD-8 (Rev. 5-22-64)

CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY 10-1-80 SP4 Amlaw
REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2 2 SERIES
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 4-25-89

CONFIDENTIAL

FBI

Date: 4/28/69

Transmit the following in 54698 (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL 60514 REGISTERED MAIL 73518 (Priority)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (Southern Christian Leadership Conference)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
RM; IS - C
Bufile 100-438794
Atlanta file 100-5718

CIRM
IS- C
Bufile 100-442529
Atlanta file 100-6670

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OR Classification DATE 4-23-69 BSA/MP

Enclosed for the Bureau is original and eight copies of an LHM, for New York five copies, and for Philadelphia four copies of LHM.

b1

Also enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of the issues of Soul Force referred to in the enclosed LHM.

[redacted] (G)

AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted], OSI; SEC. SERV. [redacted] DATE RCD 5/2/69 PROVIDED Legat

UNREC COPY FILED IN 100-438794-2644

(4)-Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
5-New York (Enc. 5) (RM)
(1-100-91330) (JACK O'DELL)
(1-100-111180) (S. LEVISON)
(1-100-148289) (H. WACHTEL)
(1-100-149194)
(1-100-153735)
4-Philadelphia (Enc. 4) (RM)
(1-JAMES BEVEL)
(1-L. D. REDDICK)
3-Atlanta (1-100-5718)
AGS/jah/ (1-100-6670)
ajs
(16)

100-438794-2644

3 APR 29 1969

b1 REC 16

CONFIDENTIAL

XEROX

MAY 6 1969

RACIAL INT. SECT.

[redacted] ENCLOSURE

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

Approved: MAY 21 1969 Special Agent in Charge

Sent M Per

Classified by 6080
Exempt from GDS, Category 2
Date of Declassification Indefinite
Z.F. Chin 11-30-77

~~SECRET~~ CONFIDENTIAL

[redacted] 61

The Bureau may note that on the part of SCLC, the inclusion in print for public consumption of the names of LEVISON, O'DELL and WACHTEL is unprecedented in recent years.

CONFIDENTIAL

~~SECRET~~

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Atlanta, Georgia

April 25, 1969

SECRET

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
OF
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE
IN
RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

[redacted] furnished a copy of the current issue of "Soul Force" dated April 4, 1969, indicated to be "Volume 2, Number 1" dedicated to the memory of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., former President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and announcement of the second chapter of SCLC's Poor People's Campaign.

The masthead of the publication states it is the "Official Journal of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference" and that it is "Printed By SCLC Press".

Page 2 of this issue of Soul Force sets forth a list of names of individuals under the caption "Editorial Board". Included among these names is that of James Bevel (Director of Non-violent Education, SCLC) and Jack O'Dell (Special Aide to the President, SCLC).

Also on Page 2 following the caption "Southern Christian Leadership Conference" appears a list of names of individuals under the sub-caption "Officers and Directors".

- -

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

SECRET

COPIES DESTROYED
362 OCT 10 1970

Excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

Classified by 6625
Exempt from GDS, Category 2
Date of Declassification Indefinite

FBI/DOJ 11-30-77

11-1-52 CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY SP4 VTEHSKE REVIEW FOR FCIM DATE 4 DECLASSIFICATION 546 FF 8T14, 73516

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION

Indicated to hold the office of Historian of SCIC is "L. D. Reddick, Philadelphia, Pa.". Among the names of directors appear the following:

"Harry Belafonte, New York, N.Y.", "Stanley Levison, New York, N.Y.","Harry Wachtel, New York, N.Y.".

HARRY BELAFONTE

[redacted] (S) b1

The YCL has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

1-750 (2-7-79)

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

2 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

☒ Deleted under exemption(s) 61 with no segregable material available for release to you.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

☐ Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____ , was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

_____

_____

☐ For your information: _____

_____

☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
100-438794-2644 encl pages 4, 5.

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X DELETED PAGE(S) X
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
X FOR THIS PAGE X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

FBI/DOJ

SECRET

MEMORANDUM

The Bureau, 100-[illegible], Letter of "Broadcasting" dated 5-11-[illegible] (Sent: 5-[illegible]) re Associates Changing Names.

SECRET

LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK

LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK is Professor of Social Sciences at Coppin State College, Baltimore, Maryland. He currently resides at 3704 Winterbourne Road, Baltimore, Maryland.

[redacted] b1

[redacted]

The "Daily Worker" was an east coast communist newspaper, which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

The Georgia Washington Carver School has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On February 5, and 11, 1954, LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Atlanta, Georgia. He, at that time, stated that he was not, and had never been, a member of, or a sympathizer with, the Communist Party.

[redacted] b1

SECRET

HARRY WACHTEL

HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 20 Split Rock Drive, King Point, Long Island, New York.

[redacted] b1

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

[redacted] b1

SECRET

SECRET

1.

W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. These delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble of the constitution, are, "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-Communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people."

Over the Labor Day weekend, 1965, the DCA held a conference in Chicago, Illinois, and a new slate of officers was elected to the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the DCA. Since Labor Day, 1965 identities of those serving of the NEC have varied;

SECRET

8

however, according to a third source as of May, 1966, thirteen of the fifteen members of the NEC were members of the CP in the San Francisco Bay area.

As of May, 1966, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 1830 Fell Street, San Francisco, California.

SECRET

1

W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO DCC

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the National DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

SECRET

11

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

[redacted] b1

The second Quarter, 1968, issue of "Freedomways", self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff:

JOHN HENRIK CLARKE	Associate Editor
ESTHER JACKSON	Managing Editor
J. H. O'DELL	Associate Managing Editor
JOHN L. DEVINE	Art Editor

"The Worker" an East Coast Communist newspaper, June 25, 1967, Page 10, contained an article on a memorial to MIKE GOLD held at Town Hall, New York City, the previous Friday night. It said that one of the speakers was JOHN HENRIK CLARKE of "Freedomways".

"The Worker", May 21, 1967, Page 3, contained an article on the death of MIKE GOLD on May 15, 1967, in San Francisco, California. It described him as having been an author and columnist for "The Worker" for 32 years. It noted that he joined the CP "shortly after it was founded and to which he adhered till the day he died".

A third source advised on February 16, 1968, that a committee from the 6th Assembly District Club, Kings County CP, visited HUNKY DEVINE, a member of that club, on February 14, 1968, to determine why she had not attended club meetings fo

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC. (CONT'D)

more than one year. BUNNY DEVINE said she had talked with JAMES JACKSON about the possibility of organizing a new club in their area with members of their intellectual and cultural level and that he was in favor of it. She said she believed her husband, JOHN DEVINE, and ESTHER JACKSON would join such a club.

A fourth source advised on April 16, 1968, that JAMES JACKSON, husband of ESTHER JACKSON, is the Chairman of the International Affairs Department, CP, USA.

[redacted] b1

SECRET

(Rev. 11-20-41)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Atlanta, Georgia

April 25, 1963

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Title COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

Character RACIAL MATTERS; INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Memorandum prepared at Atlanta, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

soul force

"TO REDEEM THE SOUL OF AMERICA"

April 4, 1969 Official Journal of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Volume 2, Number 1

1969: 2nd Chapter of the

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

- Feed the hungry
- Hire the jobless
- Care for the sick
- End slums
- Protect [illegible]

Dr. Ralph David Abernathy
President
SCLC
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Tel. (404) 522-1420

soul force

"TO REDEEM THE SOUL OF AMERICA"

Official Journal of the
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, President
334 Auburn Avenue, N. E.

EDITORIAL BOARD

Ralph David Abernathy

Andrew J. Young — J. E. Lowery

Fred C. Bennette, Jr. — J. T. Johnson
James Bevel — Bernard Lafayette
Stoney Cooks — Bernard Lee
Mrs. Dorothy Cotton — Jack O'Dell
Carl Farris — Thomas Offenburger
Walter Fauntroy — T. Y. Rogers, Jr.
James Harrison — William A. Rutherford
Mrs. Lillie Hunter — Albert Sampson
Jesse Jackson — Hosea Williams

EDITORIAL STAFF

Miss Melzenia Cook — Mrs. Patricia Durham
Mrs. Christine Cummins — Miss Connie Henderson
Edward DeBrady — Miss Annell Ponder
Vincent de Forest — William Stein
Miss Edyla Dickerson — Michael Willis

PRINTED BY SCLC PRESS

William Whitsett — Wilson Brown

the meaning of "soul force"

This issue of "Soul Force" marks the beginning of the second year of its publication by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

Our day of publication, April 4, is one year after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., our Founding President. This entire special issue is devoted to Dr. King; to our National Days of Commemoration and Confrontation, April 4-12, in his honor; to the launching of the Second Chapter of his last movement, the Poor People's Campaign; and to his continuing work through SCLC.

Contents

Dr. Abernathy's Column (see below) ..... Page 2
Days of Commemoration and Confrontation 3
Black Easter 3
Nation-wide Action 4
"In Memoriam," by Rev. Andrew Young 5
Poor People's Campaign 5
SCLC: Continuing Dr. King's Work 6-7
A Letter to Dr. King 8

Honoring Dr. King

AMERICA: PROMISES AND REALITIES

By Dr. Ralph David Abernathy

America is a nation of glittering promises and grim realities. Since our founding in 1776, America has promised equality, freedom and peace among men. Yet we are afflicted with the disease of poverty, the cancer of racism, and the sickness of war.

There are many great things about America, and I love this nation, but today I must address myself to our problems because if we fail to find solutions to these problems soon, America will continue on a path of doom.

We have 160 million Americans who enjoy a relatively good material life, but we also have 40 million who are poor. We produce steaks for the rich and diet foods for the overweight, but at least 10 million Americans suffer from starvation and malnutrition while the Government pays farmers not to grow crops, and *sells* food stamps to the poor. Senator Eastland's plantation in Mississippi has been receiving thirteen thousand dollars a month in farm subsidies, and a starving black child in his State receives only nine dollars a month from so-called welfare. It is Mr. Eastland who is really on welfare. I wish we in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference could buy a one-minute commercial on the TV networks. We would show Senator Eastland receiving his monthly welfare check for [illegible] and that little child receiving her [illegible]

Next, in 1868, 101 years ago, the Fo[u]teenth Amendment guaranteeing [illegible] ri[g]hts of all people to life, liberty a[nd] [illegible]pe[rs]uit was ratified. What was the [illegible]ty? T[he] reality was, for example, in that same ye[ar] forty thousand black people in South Ca[ro]lina were promised 400,000 acres of fa[r]land. But do you think they ever got [it]? No! And the reality to this day is that [we] never did get our rights to life, liberty a[nd] property — not even our little 40 acres a[nd] a mule.

In 1870 — 99 years ago — the Fifteen[th] Amendment, guaranteeing the right [to] vote, was ratified. In 1890 — 79 years [ago] — Congress passed a bill providing for f[ed]eral registrars in the South. In 1944 — [65] years ago — the Supreme Court outlaw[ed] the white primary election. But what h[ap]pened to all those promises? The reality that black people were denied the right [to] vote and lily-white elections continued [in] fact, until we in the Southern Christ[ian] Leadership Conference put so much press[ure] on Congress with the Selma-to-Montgom[ery] March that they passed the Voti[ng] Ri[ghts] Act of 1965. Black people now [vote] in South, but not without risking harrassm[ent], abuse and retaliation, becau[se] the Vot[ing] Rights Act is not adequately e[n]forced. A[n]other glaring gap between promise [and] reality is that the Voting Rights Act of 1[965] expires in 1970. And another gap can [be] seen in the fact that last summer, in [the] National Conventions of both major par[ties] black people and other poor people w[ere] systematically denied proportional repres[en]tation in their state delegations.

[illegible] the Kerner Commission began hearings, Dr. Kenneth Clark, a very [dis]tinguished scholar, pointed out some o[f the] promises and realities. He recalled sim[ilar] reports that had been issued with great [wel]fare and promise, but ignored in real[ity] reports on the Chicago riot of 1919, [the] Harlem riot of 1935, another Harlem [riot] in 1943, the McCone Commission on W[atts] three years ago [illegible] promise of the Supr[eme] Court's school desegregation order of [1954]

Force" is an idea that goes back to Jesus Christ. It suggests both the love ("soul") and power ("force") that were combined by Dr. King and Dr. Abernathy when they started the modern civil rights struggle 14 years ago in Montgomery, Alabama. Mahatma Gandhi, a disciple of nonviolence and the liberator of India, often used the term "Soul Force" in talking about his philosophy of both his personal and public life. Finally, the term "soul" has special meaning to all black people and to those who support and work in the movement.

The phrase "To Redeem the Soul of America," which appears on all issues of "Soul Force," is the original slogan of SCLC, adopted after our founding in 1957.

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Martin Luther King Jr.
Founding President
1957 - 1968

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Ralph David Abernathy, President
Atlanta, Georgia
J. E. Lowery, Chairman of the Board
Atlanta, Georgia
Andrew J. Young, Executive Vice President
Atlanta, Georgia
C. K. Steele, First Vice President
Tallahassee, Florida
Wyatt Tee Walker, Second Vice President
New York, N. Y.
Curtis Harris, Third Vice President
Hopewell, Virginia
D. E. King, Fourth Vice President
Chicago, Illinois
Fred L. Shuttlesworth, Secretary
Cincinnati, Ohio
Mrs. Marian B. Logan, Assistant Secretary
New York, N. Y.
Benjamin J. Hooks, Financial Secretary
Memphis, Tenn.
Cirile McSween, Treasurer
Chicago, Illinois
L. D. Reddick, Historian
Philadelphia, Pa.
Major J. Jones, Chaplain
Atlanta, Georgia
Thomas E. Kilgore, Parliamentarian
Los Angeles, California

• •

W. G. Anderson, Detroit, Michigan
Harry Belafonte, New York, N. Y.
Mrs. Johnnie Carr, Montgomery, Alabama
Jesse Douglas, Birmingham, Alabama
George Dudley, Rocky Mount, N. C.
C. L. Franklin, Detroit, Michigan
Stray Freeman, Chicago, Illinois
J. D. Grier, Atlanta, Georgia
Aaron Henry, Clarksdale, Mississippi
Jesse Hill, Jr., Atlanta, Georgia
O. M. Hoover, Cleveland, Ohio
Esau Jenkins, Charleston, S. C.
A. L. Johnson, Laurel, Mississippi
B. J. Johnson, Sr., Atlanta, Georgia
A. D. King, Atlanta, Georgia
Mrs. Coretta S. King, Atlanta, Georgia
M. L. King Sr., Atlanta, Georgia
Stanley Levison, New York, N. Y.
John Lewis, Atlanta, Georgia
Allard Lowenstein, New York, N. Y.
Charles Morgan, Atlanta, Georgia
Otis Moss, Cincinnati, Ohio
A. A. Peters, Los Angeles, California
Sandy Ray, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Milton Reid, Norfolk, Virginia
Jefferson Rogers, Washington, D. C.
Marshall Shepherd, Philadelphia, Pa.
C. O. Simpkins, Hollis Long Island, N. Y.
Kelly Miller Smith, Nashville, Tenn.
Nelson Smith, Birmingham, Alabama
Roland Smith, Atlanta, Georgia
Daniel Speed, Tallahassee, Florida
Edgar Thomas, South Orange, N. J.
John Thurston, Chicago, Illinois
Harry Wachtel, New York, N. Y.
Andrew White, Nashville, Tenn.
Samuel Williams, Atlanta, Georgia
M. L. Wilson, New York, N. Y.
Virgil Wood, Boston, Massachusetts
Claude Young, Detroit, Michigan

I. M. Augustine, General Counsel
New Orleans, Louisiana
Chauncey Eskridge, General Counsel
Chicago, Illinois

...where one ... citizens are black, among the ... two out of 10 are black, among the ... paid, five out of 10 are black, among slum dwellers, six out of 10 are black.

Everybody in America is for "law and order," yet Government agencies and giant corporations violate laws while poor people can't even get legal aid.

We may have a system of public education which potentially could work toward the achievement of peace and justice, but we also have a powerful and growing war machine which corrupts even some of our most distinguished universities and sends our young men away to kill and be killed. The Government spends $8,000 a year on each member of the Armed Forces, $2,000 a year on each inmate in prison, and only $600 a year on a student.

The libraries of American history are filled with many great reports on the promises of America. But these reports are gathering dust as America consistently, cruelly, and cynically ignores them.

One report, if I may give it that term, was issued 193 years ago. It said in ringing words that were to shake the world for the next two centuries: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

That document, the Declaration of Independence, held great promise, but the reality even today is that no one can pretend that all men are considered equal in America. Millions of poor people are in fact denied their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The Constitution of the United States took effect 180 years ago, on March 4, 1787, and specifically stated an intention to establish justice, welfare and liberty for all. Yet that same Constitution upheld slavery, and condemned my people to a life of injustice, insecurity and bondage.

One hundred and six years ago, in 1863, Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. The promise was an end to slavery, but what was the reality? The reality was that only the slaves in parts of the South not occupied by Northern troops were set free, as a military strategy to disrupt the Confederacy. But in Missouri, General Fremont was fired because he set the slaves free. And the reality also is that my people have been kept in virtual slavery — the slavery of segregation, discrimination and economic exploitation — ever since, in spite of the Emancipation Proclamation and the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution abolishing slavery, which was ratified in 1865.

analyses ... racial and ... lems ... including ... recommendations ... established ... business leaders, the report ... the White House Conference on Civil Rig... President Johnson's vision of a "Great ... ciety," the repeated eloquent calls to ac... from my predecessor, Dr. Martin Lu... King Jr., and, finally, the Kerner Repor...

And again, what are the realities? Al... these studies and reports and calls h... been turned aside. Instead of a Great ... ciety, we have a nation gone mad in an ... unwinnable war in Vietnam. Instead of ... forms recommended even by mode... business and political leaders, we have ... same old subsidies and protections for ... rich and oppression of the poor — wh... call socialism for the rich and rugged ... enterprise for the poor. Instead of in... ment in life-giving measures for peace ... justice, we have investment in death-de... war, assassination, and daily violence ... poor people. Instead of mea... ac... on the Kerner Report, one ... later ... only have another study o... the K... Report.

I am sick and tired of promises, a... am sick and tired of the realities of ... poverty and racism. The time has come ... more action and fewer words. And R... Abernathy has his own promise to mak...

I urge you to join me, the Sout... Christian Leadership Conference, and n... national, regional and local organiza... of the rich and poor, young and old, ... new movement to save America. This m... ment begins on April 4th, one year ... the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther ... Jr. On this day, all over the nation, t... are commemorative services, vigils ... marches. But it would be a disservice to ... King and to poor people if we were to ... it go at that. Dr. King stood for action. ... I mean to honor him meaningfully by ... ing nationwide action that will conti... past April 4. I expect to see boycotts, st... walkouts, work stoppages, pe... der... strations, student protests, ren... sit... marches against hunger, a... many ... forms of direct nonviolent action — a... built around local issues and carried ... by local people and their leadership. ... the poor and oppressed of America, sta... April 4th, are not going to let this co... forget Dr. King and forget its sin ... racism, poverty and war.

I respectfully submit to you that ... your opportunity and even your resp... ...ibility to join this movement and work ... us until there comes a day that we will ... need a Kerner Report with empty pro... because we will have a Poor People's ... port that freedom, justice, brotherhood ... peace are realities.

Honoring Dr. King

National Days Of

Commemoration And Confrontation

By Rev. T. Y. Rogers, Jr.

National Coordinator

National Days of Commemoration and Confrontation, with the theme "From Death to Life," will be held April 4-12. This is a program of creative nonviolent action designed to attack the problems of militarism, racism and poverty. It is based on the philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther [illegible] and begins on Good Friday, April 4, one year after his assassination in Memphis.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference is compelled to call attention to the glaring problems which are faced by millions of black people in terms of prejudice and discrimination; by the poor in terms of exploitation and colonization; and by the people of the world in terms of militarism and death as opposed to renewal and life.

Dr. King was a symbol of peace and brotherhood, and SCLC under the leadership of Dr. Ralph David Abernathy will mark April 4 as the start of the Second Chapter of the Poor People's Campaign, commemorating the life of Dr. King and projecting our "New Thrust." We will demand in confrontations that America end the war in Vietnam, cut back military spending, and provide food, education, jobs, housing and decent incomes for the poor. This is in keeping with honoring Dr. King, for he was a man of action.

These are significant days. April 3 starts the Passover, when the Jewish people recall the great struggles of their people. April 4 is Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion of Jesus. April 6 is Easter Sunday and the occasion for an emphasis on life instead of death. Following Easter there will be Days of Confrontation when the renewed lives of those who remember and resolve to continue will confront their local problems and work for constructive solutions.

We invite all organizations and individuals working for peace, for the abolition of poverty and racism, and for reconciliation and brotherhood, to join SCLC in this program. It includes commemoration services, vigils, marches, other demonstrations and confrontations, Black Easter, National Tag Day, and petitions to make January 15, Dr. King's birthday, a National Legal Holiday.

(For details on Days of Commemoration and Confrontation and the Poor People's Campaign, see articles on this page and pages 4 and 5.)

Martin Luther King Speaks

Each Sunday, the radio program "Martin Luther King Speaks," sponsored by SCLC, is broadcast in many cities. On this program you can hear the voices of Dr. King, Dr. Abernathy, and other leaders speaking on the freedom struggle. The program includes Dr. King's greatest speeches and up-to-date information, interviews and addresses by others.

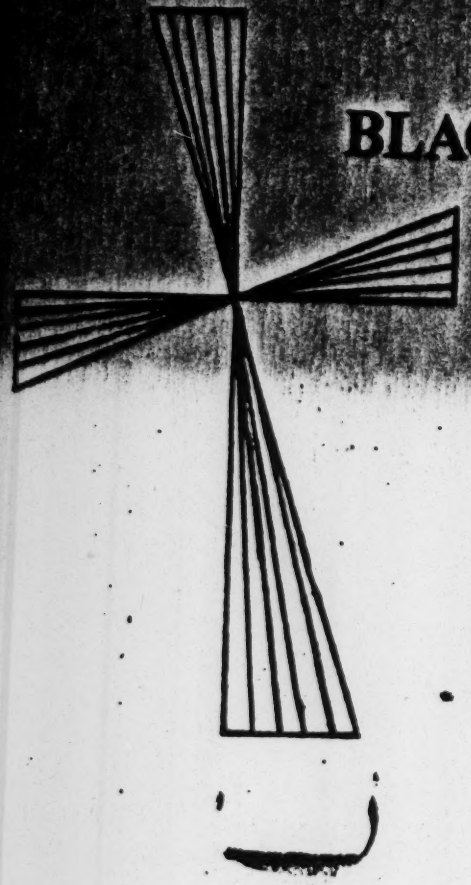
Below is a list of cities and stations where the program is broadcast. Please consult your local station for time of broadcast.

Atlanta, Ga.—WAOK—1380 KC
Atlanta, Ga.—WERD—1190 KC
[illegible]

Huntsville, Ala.—WEUP—1600 KC
Little Rock, Ark.—[illegible]KV—1440 KC

Chicago, Ill.—WVON—1450 KC
Cincinnati, Ohio—WCIN—1480 KC
Columbus, Ohio—WVKO—1580 KC
Danville, Va.—WILA—1580 KC
Denver, Colo.—KDKO—1510 KC
Detroit, Mich.—WCHB—1440 KC
Durham, N. C.—WSRC—1410 KC
Fort Worth, Tex.—KNOK—97 KC
Greensboro, N. C.—WEAL—1510 KC
Houston, Tex.—KYOK—1590 KC
Oakland, Calif.—KDIA—1510 KC
Philadelphia, Pa.—WHAT—1480 KC
Pine Bluff, Ark.—KCAT—1330 KC
Pittsburgh, Pa.—WAMO—860 KC
Portland, Ore.—KGAR—1550 KC
Roanoke, Va.—WROV—1240 KC
St. Louis, Mo—KATZ—1600 KC
San Antonio, Tex.—KAPE—1480 KC
Toledo, Ohio—WKLR (FM) 99.9 KC
Toledo, Ohio—WKLR (FM) 99.9 MC

...national Legal Holiday each January 15th, ... day of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ... would be the first official national ob... of a black man's greatness. Petitions should call for the President and Congress to approve legislation establishing the holiday. Please send your petitions or request petition blanks from: Petitions, SCLC, 334 Auburn Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Ga. 30303.



BLACK EASTER

By Stanley Cooks

Easter has historically been seen as a season of festival, commemorating the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, an articulate spokesman of the poor who was the victim of a political assassination nearly two thousand years ago. Days of Easter commemoration have continuously become days of celebration; days of useless spending; days void of spirit fulfillment; and we witness the poor grappling desperately simply to survive.

Jesus showed us the meaning of resurrection by embodying the essence of his life in his disciples who spread the seeds of his teachings across the Roman empire. He professed to draw all men unto him.

Black people are an essential part of the world community of men who must be bound together in his name. Just as other ethnic groups see the Jesus experience through their own development, black people relate to Jesus through their experiences of suffering under America's racism and the pains of injustice heaped upon them.

The Easter rededication should be a particular occasion projected to recommit the soul and the body to the elimination of injustice, racism, war and poverty. It should be upon this occasion that the citizens of the world rededicate their life-works to the cause of the invisible and powerless poor. Easter must begin to remind us of the resurrection; regeneration, procreation . . . new life.

Black Easter is projected as a new experience of commemoration of a new and rejuvenated soul-filled people. The S.C.L.C. has begun to promote this re-educational process among the poor and black people of their personal experiences of crucifixion as a means of relating to one another out and resurrection . . . the beginning of a revolution in our value structures.

In an attempt to address himself to this essential re-educational process, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at Riverside Church in New York City was moved to say in 1967: "These are revolutionary times. All over the globe men are revolting against old systems of exploitation and oppression and out of the womb of a frail world new systems of justice and equality are being born. The shirtless and barefoot people of the land are rising up as never before. The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light. I am convinced that if we are to get on the right side of the world revolution, we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values. We must rapidly begin the shift from a 'thing-oriented' society to a 'person-oriented' society."

Black and poor people are resurrecting themselves and their communities by experiencing the dimensions of this Black Easter season. The spiritual dimension can be viewed as our renewed relationships with our brothers and sisters of common alienation and oppression. It can be expressed concretely in the material dimension by the buying of goods and services from each other, by sharing in the welfare and livelihoods of one another. We must spend our money in this commercial period of Easter with black consciousness. Resources in the Black and poor communities must be used for the growth and development of the people who reside there. We must encourage our brothers to have a meaningful Easter by withholding or curtailing expenditures on luxuries and wearing old clothing as symbolic gestures.

Psychologically, this reorientation of values is an essential dimension in the development of a new consciousness and a new imagery which is expressed in an inserting understanding that "I am Somebody," and that "We are Somebody" as a people. Having had a near impossible task of reorienting world priorities thrust upon us, we must move hurriedly through the volumes of disgust in recorded history, to inexhaustible and compassionate heart . . . revolutionizing the totality of our life-style and commitments . . . forgiving forward in an invincible creative force . . . vowing our allegiance to new authority . . . braving the turbulence of a violence-packed world . . . thrusting boldly forward with all of the soul of a new man.

Franz Fanon in one of his most creative works, "Wretched of the Earth," writes toward the close of the book, "So, comrades, let us not pay tribute to Europe . . . by creating states, institutions and societies which draw their inspiration from her. Humanity is waiting for something other from us than such an imitation which would almost be an obscene caricature. If we want to turn Africa into a new Europe, and America into a new Europe, let us leave the destiny of our countries to Europeans. They will know how to do it better than the most gifted among us. But if we want humanity to advance a step further, if we want to bring it up to a different level than that which Europe has shown us, then we must invent and we must make discoveries. For Europe, for ourselves, and for humanity, comrades, we must turn over a new leaf. We must work out new concepts and try to set afoot a new man."

Yes, upon this April of Black Easter, we must move to create and rededicate a new man with new imagery; new consciousness . . . psychologically and spiritually; materially and physically. We must be moved in this first commemoration season of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., a nonviolent revolutionary, to accept the challenging and formidable task of changing a world of violence and molding out of the mud of the valleys of poverty a new order . . . a new life.

Action For Dr. King In 50 Cities

All across America, people are showing this nation that she will never be allowed to forget the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and what he worked for.

Millions are participating in the National Days of Commemoration and Confrontation, April 4-12, and the launching of the Second Chapter of the Poor People's Campaign by Dr. Ralph David Abernathy on April 4.

Observances and action are scheduled in more than 50 cities and towns. Some examples of the plans:

•National focus will be in Memphis April 4, Montgomery April 5, and Atlanta April 6 (see details below).

•A vigil against war, poverty and racism will be held at the United Nations in New York starting April 4.

•A State-wide march with four legs totalling 1,238 miles will begin in Asheville, N. C., April 4 and reach the State Capitol in Raleigh April 18 for a rally to demand equal education for black children.

•Many college campuses will have observances, and many schools will be closed April 4.

•A march for welfare rights will proceed to the State Capitol in Tallahassee, Florida, April 8.

•Students will continue their movement in Tunica, Mississippi.

•Hospital workers are striking in Charleston, South Carolina; garbage workers strukk in Macon, Georgia.

•Voter registration and political education drives will be held in Cincinnati, and Chicago.

•National Tag Day for contributions to the work of Dr. King through SCLC is nation-wide.

NATIONAL FOCUS
Days of Commemoration and Confrontation

Memphis — April 4:
Mass march led by Dr. Abernathy to launch Second Chapter of Poor People's Campaign in city where Dr. King was slain. March begins at noon at Clayborn Temple AME Church, goes to Lorraine Motel for brief memorial service, then to City Hall for rally.

Montgomery — April 4:
March toward Montgomery begins in Selma at 10:00 a.m. Marchers cross Edmund Pettus Bridge with the Poor People's Mule Train, later are bused to Montgomery for 8:00 p.m. Soul Force Brotherhood Freedom Festival. Dr. King began his work in Montgomery.

April 5: Dr. Abernathy leads mass march at noon from St. Jude's in Montgomery to rally at State Capitol.

April 7: Dr. Abernathy in Birmingham announces action plans for Poor People's Campaign in Alabama.

Atlanta — April 4:
In Dr. King's home city, a massive voter registration drive will be held all

Rev. T.Y. Rogers, Jr.
National Coordinator
April 4-12

Partial List of Participating Cities

Anniston, Ala.
Atlanta, Ga.
Augusta, Ga.
Baltimore, Md.
Beaufort, S. C.
Benton Harbor, Mich.
Birmingham, Ala.
Boston, Mass.
Brooklyn, N. Y.
Buffalo, N. Y.
Charleston, S. C.
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Chicago, Ill.
Cincinnati, Ohio
Cleveland, Ohio
Dallas, Texas
Denver, Colo.
Detroit, Mich.
Grand Rapids, Mich.
Houston, Texas
Jackson, Miss.
Little Rock, Ark.
Los Angeles, Calif.
Macon, Ga.
Marks, Miss.
Memphis, Tenn.
Milwaukee, Wisc.
Montgomery, Ala.
Nashville, Tenn.
Newark, N. J.
New Haven, Conn.
New Orleans, La.
New York, N. Y.
North Carolina
Philadelphia, Pa.
Prattville, Ala.
San Francisco, Calif.
St. Louis, Mo.
Selma, Ala.
Tallahassee, Fla.
Toledo, Ohio
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Tunica, Miss.
Washington, D. C.

National

People In Motion

CHARLESTON, S. C.
Poor hospital workers have been on strik here for their right to bargain for t rights as a union. The union is Local 1 of New York, well known for its sup of the movement, which is now g nation-wide. Dr. Abernathy pledged SCL support in a Charleston speech March 3

SYLVESTER, GEORGIA
The Worth County Improvement Lea SCLC Affiliate, secured the release of M Dorothy Young, a 14-year-old student was fraudently jailed, after weeks of m marches and boycotts. Political and e nomic action continues.

SWAN QUARTER, N. C.
A school walkout by black student poverty-striken Hyde County has been ing on since last fall. The movement has State-wide support and is a nati issue — destruction of black educati systems in the name of "des[illegible]gat (black schools and teachers were [illegible]ate but no white students were [illegible]be t ferred to black schools).

STUDENT UNREST
From coast to coast, college and school students are in rebellion against humanizing educational institutions w deny student rights, serve only the e lishment (especially the military-indus complex), and fail to provide modern cation. Black student unions are deman Afro-American Studies. SCLC is plan regional student conferences this sprin offer support to students and ask their ticipation in summer movements.

SOUTH CAROLINA
Textile workers in Florence and City recently won their strike-won bar ing rights. The black and white worker the International Ladies Garment Wo Union stood together for the first

public housing tenants in St. Louis are on rent strike

*SCLC's Operation Breadbasket is fighting for jobs and economic power in many cities, including at present Anniston, Ala.,

April 6: Dr. Abernathy leads mass march from Ebenezer Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m., past State Capitol and other institutions to rally in Hurt Park.

"I Want To Be Like My Daddy"

By Miss Yolanda King

Accepting, on behalf of her family, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference 1968 Rosa Parks Award to her father, the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Thank you. Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker, Dr. Abernathy, Mayor Hatcher, members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, our dear friends. It makes us proud indeed to accept this annual Rosa Parks Award on behalf of our father, who gave his life fighting for freedom, justice and equality for all people.

If he had been here, he would have accepted this award, not for himself, but on behalf of the people who supported him in the civil rights struggle. We want to thank you for this great honor which you have bestowed upon him. It will always serve as a guiding inspiration to us.

Since I was the oldest of the children, I often asked my mother why my father had to be away so often. I was too young then to remember this experience now, but my mother has told me about it. She would explain to me what he was doing. She would say, "Daddy is one of God's helpers. God has to have people to do his work, because he has no hands, no feet, no eyes." I would reply, "Well, when I grow up, I want to be like my Daddy."

So I say to you tonight, for myself, my brothers and my sister, when we grow up, we will truly try to be like Daddy. Again, thank you.

Day

sclc 334 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his life for freedom, justice and peace. He often said that if anything happened to him, his work in SCLC must continue. You can help this work continue by contributing in your community on National Tag Day. In most cities, this is Saturday, April 5; in others it is April 4 or 6. Each contributor will receive a lapel tag bearing Dr. King's image in black and the words, "I Gave," in red.

Medgar Evers, Jimmy Lee Jackson
Rev. Lee, Viola Liuzzo...
Martin Luther King, Jr.,
Sammy Younge...Jonathan Daniels,
Eduardo Mondlane...Albert Luthuli,

James Chaney, Andrew Goodman,
Michael Schwerner,
Malcolm X...
John F. Kennedy, James Reeb...
Lumumba...Bobby Kennedy

My Country, 'Tis of Thee,
Sweet land of...

James Earl Ray, Oswald...Sirhan

--s.c.

Atlanta during the past year. The M strike was supported by Rev. Fred C. nette, Jr., of Operation Breadbasket.

CHICAGO

SCLC's Operation Breadbasket cha up another big victory last month wh Black Unity coalition of more than 60 ganizations won all 18 economic dem from the Red Rooster Super Market ch

TUNICA, MISSISSIPPI

Despite beatings of children and brutalities by police, black student Tunica launched a highly effective sc boycott in March in protest against adequate education. SCLC organizers there.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

TUFF (Tenants United For Fairn an organization of public ho en is getting tough with the Ho Auth ty which harrasses people, charges u fees, arbitrarily evicts poor people, denies tenants' rights. Already the Hou Authority chief has been removed.

BEAUFORT, S. C.

Congress has discovered hunger, th both to the Poor People's Campaign recently, to a South Carolina mobs for free food stamps and welfare ri So far, the Congressmen have got a l publicity and starving people a little

MILITARY BASES

GI's over the nation are rising up ag dictatorial army life and the War in nam. Many GI leaders are in jail trumped-up charges and others are th ened and mistreated. But the GI's taking part in the April 4-12 confr taking back in the April 4-12 confr tions for Dr. King.

NONVIOLENCE FOR POLICE

Dr. Abernathy is sending law-en ment officers around the nation a on "The Philosophy of Nonviolenc the Tactic of Nonviolent Resistance a list of "Ghandi's Rules for the violent Soldier," in hopes they will a better understanding of the non movement.

In Memoriam: Martin Luther King Jr.

By Rev. Andrew J. Young

And in April, the Waste Land reached into the depths of its depravity and spewed forth a conspiracy which claimed the life of a man . . . A MAN . . . THE MAN . . . Martin Luther King Jr. This was not the first time the fruit of American violence had dropped from her decaying branches, nor would it be the last. Already there had been John F. Kennedy. Good Friday can come any day of the year in these United States. Any time a man . . . A MAN . . . seeks to serve his Father and express the realities of the Kingdom of God in the midst of brutalities of this world there is Good Friday.

Why GOOD Friday? What's good about it? A man was murdered, a good man. Murdered not for evil deeds, but because he dared to love and live and serve.

But yes, it is Good Friday, only last year it was a Thursday and the year before a Wednesday and it could have been a Monday . . . whatever day it was, it was marked with tragedy and beauty; death and peace; though his body lay still, his spirit began at once to move across the land, bringing with it first the fire and the judgment, then the truth and wisdom which has been locked in his earthly body.

It was strange. A fire cracker? Dynamite? No, a shot! A single shot and the throat which poured forth so eloquently the truths of our faith and heritage was destroyed . . . torn by a single bullet. He probably never even heard it. He had been standing there on the balcony trying to decide whether he needed a top coat or not. We thought he did, since he was fighting a cold . . . he always caught colds when he was worried about something, and he was worried about America.

I ran to him. Up the steps of the Motel balcony, but it was all over. Blood poured forth from his neck, but on his face was . . . "the peace that passeth understanding."

He was there in behalf of the sanitation workers who were on strike in Memphis . . . "The least of these my brethren" . . . about whom he preached so often.

That afternoon he had met with the executive staff, following the outbreak of violence in the march in Memphis. It was the first violence in one of our marches since 1962 in Albany when we tried to march through the "black bottom" on a Saturday night among drunks who did not quite understand how to relate to a non-violent movement. Naturally, we had to discuss ways to strengthen and re-affirm our non-violent position. And he talked of death and having conquered the fear of death.

Two things he firmly entrenched in the life of SCLC, the organization to which he gave his life daily: commitment to non-voilence and no fear of death. Fortunately, we were all together. All of those who had worked together since Birmingham to bring so much creative social change to this nation of ours: Ralph Abernathy, Hosea Williams, James Bevel, James Orange, Jesse Jackson, Dorothy Cotton; and by some strange act of providence his brother A. D. King, had joined us while passing through en route

Poor People's Campaign 1968 & 1969

The Second Chapter of the Poor People's Campaign is being launched April 4 by Dr. Ralph David Abernathy. Those who still think the Campaign has ended are in for a surprise.

There were many accomplishments for poor people in the First Chapter of this Campaign last year. But the Campaign must go on, Dr. Abernathy says, because 40 million Americans are still poor and the nation must respond to their demands.

What did the First Chapter achieve?

The most important thing, Dr. Abernathy says, was "to make the invisible visible"—to confront the nation at the seat of power in Washington, D. C., with Resurrection City and thousands of poor folk. America in the past has simply ignored poor people and their communities, so the Poor People's Campaign took them — black and white and red and brown, old and young, weak and strong — by caravan and Mule Train to Washington, where America had to look at the shame of poverty.

The Campaign exposed many

to the poorest counties. Food stamp prices were reduced, and the Government is now issuing free food stamps on a trial basis. A greater variety of food, providing better diets, was made available in the commodity program. The housing act contained new programs of housing to be controlled by the poor. Poor people were invited to advise many Government agencies on their programs. School lunch programs were expanded for poor children. These are some examples of the changes.

But the Campaign is not ended, because America still has not lived up to her responsibilities to poor people. Many demands of a year ago have not been met. Those include a massive job and job-training program, a guaranteed income for those unable to work, national welfare rights and standards, enforcement of civil rights laws, bargaining rights for farm workers, Indian rights both on and off reservations, land reform, expansion of the poverty program and a return of control to poor people, greater housing expenditures for the poor, social education programs, decent health

Adjustments within the racist structure of America [illegible] were possible, especially since they were in the South and public opinion is still dominated by the North. But poverty is North and South and the American war machine is the stabilizing factor in the American economy and when you challenge the exploitation of the poor by the rich and the right of America to be the policeman of the world you are really "running the money changers out of the Temple." Even the New York Times had to challenge his undertaking such a prophetic ministry.

April is the cruelest month for on April 4, 1967, Martin made his speech against the war in Viet Nam from the Riverside Church where he reminded us that our nation was the "greatest purveyor of violence in the world today." A year later to the day, he lay dead on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee.

What was his crime? He called America to Life rather than death. He sought to "Redeem the Soul of America" from racism. He tried to "feed the hungry" and create a society where all men might live as "sons of God."

As he preached this gospel of love and life in this land of hate and death it was obvious that he was "casting pearls before swine," and so God called him home, to a land where "the wicked shall cease from troubling and the weary shall be at rest."

He is gone, but he left a legacy of life to face the death of this world; a legacy of love to confront the hatred, a legacy of truth to combat the myths and illusion which surrounds us. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference continues his work. Even before he was laid in his final resting place we had to return to Memphis and win the battle for the rights of garbage workers. And immediately following his burial we launched out on the Poor People's Campaign when he envisioned as dramatizing the plight of the forty million poor black, white, brown and red people of this nation. We were successful in our dramatizing of the problem, but Congress turned a deaf ear to the groans and misery of the poor. The war rages on and new wars promise to emerge from the cauldron of rising expectations of the oppressed people of Asia, Africa and especially Latin America.

The sky is dark and the storm clouds gather. Good Friday is an ominous time. But I remember Good Friday of 1963. We were in Birmingham and there were 2,000 people in jail and there was no bond money. Dr. King agonized over this plight and decided that there was no alternative but to continue on the faith that our cause was just and that somehow, "God would make a way." He joined his people in the Birmingham Jail on Good Friday of 1963.

It was not long before the dark clouds were penetrated by rays of light. The dark gave way to the dawn and the morning sun rose in all its splendor and the suffering of Good Friday gave way to the joy of Easter. The whole nation rose up from the grave of racial discrimination and experienced a resurrection of hope that the legal shackles of segregation had been broken and true Brotherhood might spread across the mountains and plains of this land. We know from firsthand experience that Easter will follow Good Friday, and we continue in his [illegible]

"Truth forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne,
But that scaffold sways the future,
And behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadows,
Keeping watch above his own."

Copyright 1969 by Andrew J. Young

against the poor was [illegible] the scandalous gassing of sleeping [illegible] children in Resurrection City. Political manipulation of the poor was exposed when the Mule Train took poor people to both major national party conventions as the delegation from the "51st State of Hunger." Unemployment, disease, inadequate education, welfare hardship, slum housing and many other issues were exposed by dramatic confrontations at federal departments and Congress.

Thirdly, the Poor People's Campaign did win many reforms and changes, large and small. Federal food programs were extended

staffing April 7, but SCLC will [illegible] in the Campaign, along with many other organizations throughout the country.

On April 29, the first anniversary of the presentation of demands by the Poor People's Campaign Committee of 100, a report will be issued, entitled "The Poor People's Campaign — One Year Later." In the spring, SCLC will have regional conferences with students on cooperation between the Campaign and student movements. The summer may bring confrontations throughout the nation, and Dr. Abernathy says, it may be necessary to return to Washington.

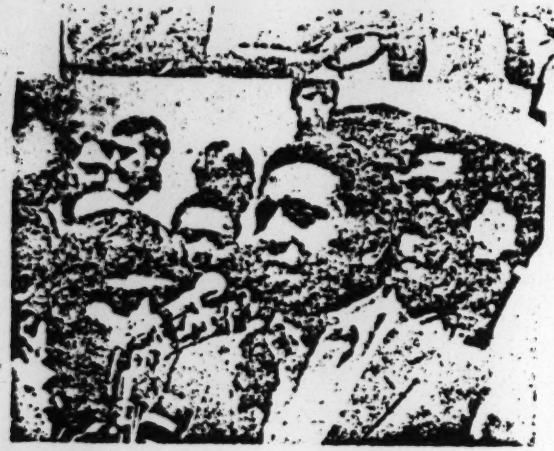
INTERNATIONAL FREEDOM GAMES

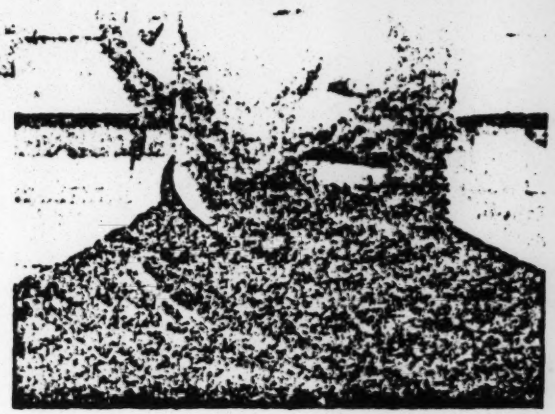
On May 18, international stars of track and field will compete in the International Freedom Games, a benefit meet in Philadelphia for SCLC and in honor of Dr. King.

SOUL FORCE NEEDS HELP

This newspaper needs volunteer reporters and photographers. Please send news and photographs about your organization, community and movement. We will publish as much information as possible by, for and about black and other poor people.

SCLC: Continuing the wor





This Is SCLC

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was founded in 1957 following the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955-56, led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Dr. Ralph David Abernathy.

Dr. King was President of SCLC until his assassination on April 4, 1968. Dr. Abernathy is his successor.

SCLC began as a regional organization primarily engaged in ending racial segregation in the South. In recent years SCLC has become nationwide with programs against poverty, racism and war.

The organization is committed to direct nonviolent action for social change. People of all races and faiths are welcome to support and participate in SCLC's work.

SCLC is a non-profit organization funded by private contributions, foundation grants and special benefits. Its policy is determined by a Board of Directors and its programs are directed by an Executive Staff.

SCLC is known for its direct-action movements, such as Selma, Birmingham, and the Poor People's Campaign, but also carries on a number of continuing projects.

Poor People's Campaign

The Poor People's Campaign began with Resurrection City in 1968. The Second Chapter of the Campaign opened this year and is a continuation of the national movement against poverty. It is led by SCLC and a coalition representing America's 40 million poor people.

MARKS, MISSISSIPPI

One example of SCLC's work for the poor is in Marks (Quitman County), Mississippi, where extreme poverty and hunger are widespread. SCLC has provided food and medical care in the Marks area and made plans for a health clinic and new housing.

Direct Action

SCLC uses nonviolent action when negotiations and traditional processes fail to produce social change. SCLC staff are trained to teach the power and methods of this action, which can take many forms, including marches, strikes, boycotts, sit-ins and civil disobedience.

Students and Youth

SCLC's new division of Youth and Campus Activities is designed to serve the young people who have always been at the forefront of thestruggle for human rights. This division provides speakers and organizers for student and youth movements on and off the campus.

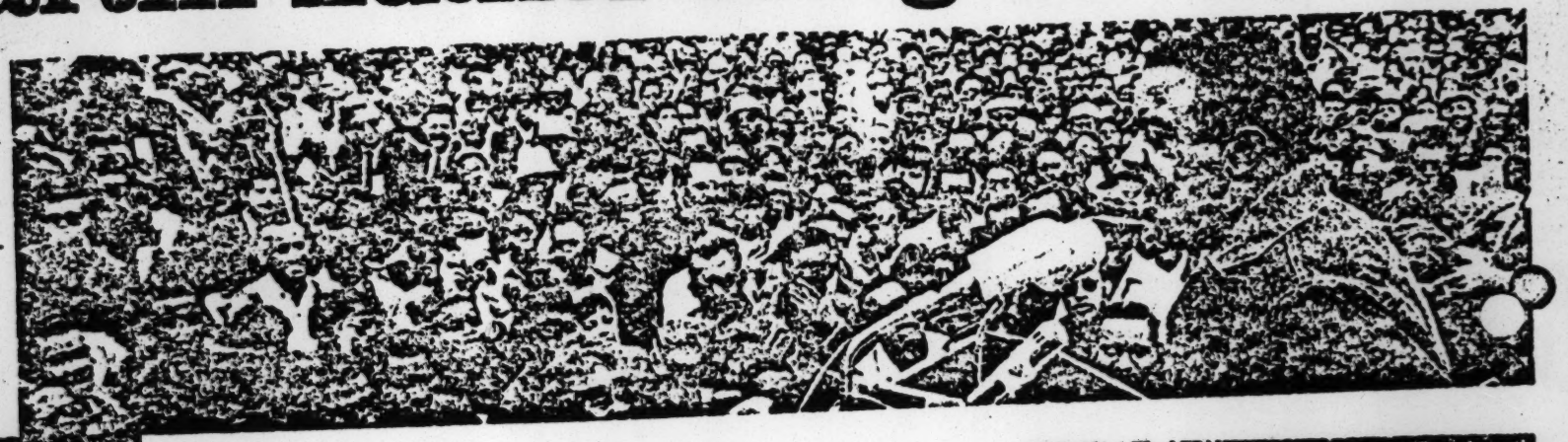
Operation Breadbasket

Operation Breadbasket is a pr for economic development of the community, seeking control of businesses, industry and services nomic power leads to political and local control of education, en ment, housing, police and all aspects of community life.

Voter Registration Political Education

After the Selma movement s voting rights for all citizens, continued its massive voter re tion and political education This has created a political rev which has elected hundreds of people and others representin poor in local, state and n. offices.

# of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Citizenship Education

The Citizenship Education Program, sponsored by SCLC and the United Church of Christ, trains black and white adults in community leadership, education, human rights, economics, history and culture.

Ministers Leadership Training

The Ministers Leadership Training Program is training outstanding clergymen in 15 major cities as leaders of community action and development. The ministers have already started many programs, including housing, voter registration, and economic development.

Housing

In housing projects now planned or already started across the nation, SCLC has found a way to provide decent low-cost housing for poor people and to make certain that the local community controls the planning, design, construction and maintenance.

Affiliates & Chapters

More than 300 local organizations across the nation are Affiliates or Chapters of SCLC. These groups include churches, civil rights organizations, civic clubs, labor unions, and business, social and fraternal groups.

Special Activities

Special services provided by SCLC include the radio program "Martin Luther King Speaks"; the newspaper "Soul Force"; printed materials; and special cultural, entertainment and sports events.

SCLC: 1957-1969

1957: Founding of SCLC.
1958: Expansion to 10 states, 22 cities.
1959: Sit-ins, nonviolent education, boycotts, school desegregation.
1960: Sit-ins, jail-ins . . . founding of SNCC.
1961: Freedom Rides . . . Albany Movement.
1962: Citizenship Education Program Operation Breadbasket
1963: Birmingham Movement . . . March on Washington . . . Savannah Movement.
1964: Nobel Peace Prize toDr. King. Civil Rights Act . . . St. Augustine.
1965: Selma March . . Voting Rights Act . . South-wide voter registration.
1966: Chicago Movement . . Mississippi March . . . Grenada Movement.
1967: Peace Movement . . . Cleveland (black mayor; urban development).
1968: Assassination of Dr. King . . . Poor People's Campaign . . . Ministers Leadership Training Program.
1969: April Confrontations . . . New Thrust: housing, labor, economic development, politics, youth, education.

Near the End of the Journey

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Dr. Ralph David Abernathy worked together for 13 years, beginning with the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955-56. They are shown together here in one of the few quiet moments of their careers, about one year before Dr. King's death.

A Letter To My Dearest Friend, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

By Dr. Ralph David Abernathy

(NOTE: Following is a portion of a sermon by Dr. Abernathy on Sunday, April 7, 1968, at his Church, West Hunter Street Baptist Church, in Atlanta.)

To my dearest friend Martin Luther King in a city called Heaven:

Martin, I miss you, and it has just been a few days. I thought I would write you a short letter. It is probably more for my good than it's for yours. I hope it will not be too long before you read it. In heaven I know you have so much to do, so many people to see, and I know many of them have already been looking and waiting for you. It wouldn't be a surprise to me, Martin, if God didn't have a special affair just to introduce his special activist black son to so many others like you that have gone on ahead.

But look up those black friends and talk to the ones you and I have talked about and the ones that you and I lead and the ones who so gallantly followed our leadership. Say thanks to those prophets we quoted from all over America and everywhere else that they asked for us. Give a special word from me to Peter, the man who was once sand but Jesus made him a rock, give my warmest felicitations to my favorite apostle John who loved my Master so much until he stood with his mother at the foot of the Cross, pass my greetings on to Isaiah who had the prophetic vision to see the coming of a Savior whose name would be wonderful, a mighty Counselor, an ever-lasting [illegible] and find Ghandi, the man who inspired us so much in our struggle to free black people through the philosophy and techniques of non-violence.

Look up Bartholomew, for some strange reason I always liked him. But above all I want you to see Jesus, go to the throne and tell how thankful we are. Yes, go see Jesus and tell him about us down here — all of us and all of our families — and how we have sustained ourselves in the many battles all our lives, tell him how much we love him. Tell him how his name is music in our ears. Tell him how at his name our knees will forever bow and our tongues will always confess. Tell him that we follow not only his words but we follow his life . . .

Then Martin, go from the throne and find Jimmy Lee Jackson, Medgar Evers, William Moore, Jimmy Lee, Viola Liuzzo, Jonathan Daniels, James Reeb, Schwerner, Goodman and Chaney. And then, Martin, find Frederick Douglass, Nat Turner and Marcus Garvey. And don't forget Malcolm. Look for Malcolm! Remember, our God is a loving God. He understands things we don't think he does. The four children of Birmingham and all who have died across Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and in Chicago, New York and in all other places where men have died for the liberty and justice of other men. Martin, it may seem like a big order but if you find one of them he will be where the rest of them are. I know they have founded the grand international company of freedom fighters and can't wait to introduce you as we talk over the [illegible]

"I Tried To Love And Serve Humanity"

"If any of you are around when I have to meet my day, I don't want a long funeral. And if you get somebody to deliver the eulogy, tell him not to talk too long . . . . . Tell them not to mention that I have a Nobel Peace Prize. That isn't important. Tell them not to mention that I have three or four hundred other awards. That's not important. Tell them not to mention where I went to school. I'd like somebody to mention that day, that 'Martin Luther King Jr. tried to give his life serving others.' I'd like for somebody to say that day, that 'Martin Luther King Jr. tried to love somebody.' I want you to say that day that I tried to be right on the war question. I want you to be able to say that day, that I did try to feed the hungry. And I want you to be able to say that day that I did try in my life to clothe those who were naked. I want you to say on that day, that I did try, in my life, to visit those who were in prison. I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity."

-- Martin Luther King Jr.
Ebenezer Baptist Church
Atlanta, Georgia

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

SECRET

Date: 4/25/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100 5718) (P)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
RM; IS - C

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and eight copies of an LHM, for New York one copy, for WFO one copy and for Chicago two copies of an LHM. [illegible]

[redacted] b1

AGENCY: AGSI, OSI; SEC. SER; USD CND DAO DI
DATE: 5/1/69
HOW: RIS
BY: [illegible]

2 - Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)
2 - Chicago (Encs. 2) (RM)
1 - New York (Enc. 1) (RM)
1 - WFO (Enc. 1) (RM)
5 - Atlanta
(1 - 100-5718)
[redacted] b1
(1 - 100-6351) (C. KING)
(1 - 157-257) (R. ABERNATHY)
(1 - 157-621) (A. YOUNG)
AGS/jah
(11)

100-438794-2645

REC-33

APR 24 1969

INTERSTATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADD. DISSEMINATION.

RACIAL INT. SECT.

Sent _____ M. Per _____

51 MAY 15 1969

Special Agent in Charge

SECRET

INT. SEC.

4-750 (2-7-79)

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

4 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

☒ Deleted under exemption(s) b1 with no segregable material available for release to you.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

☐ Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____ _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

_____

_____

☐ For your information: _____

_____

☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
100-438794-2645 encl pages 1, 2, 3, 5

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X DELETED PAGE(S) X
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
X FOR THIS PAGE X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FBI/DOJ

HARRY BELAFONTE

[redacted] (S) b1

The YCL has been designated by the U. S. Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

HARRY WACHTEL

HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, King Point, Long Island, New York.

[redacted] b1

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

[redacted] b1

THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supercede Guide published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers Guild:"

1. Cited as a Communist front.

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311, on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 142).

2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)

3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the *** National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91).

FD-323 (Rev. 11-29-61)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Atlanta, Georgia

April 25, 1969

SECRET

Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Character RACIAL MATTERS; INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Memorandum prepared at Atlanta, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

SECRET

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

FD-6 (Rev. 3-22-64)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-1-80 BY SP4JRMLA

FBI

Date: 4/24/69

Transmit the following in 5466E, POS 4, 73518
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via PLAIN
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (157-1428) (C)

RE: RALLY SPONSORED BY SCLC,
VIDALIA, GA., 4/7/69
RM

Remytel dated 4/11/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM containing information pertaining to the captioned activity.

Separate cases were opened by the Savannah Division in regard to allegations made by [redacted] concerning police officers kicking him and the spraying of tear gas on the prisoners.

111th MIG, Savannah, Ga., and U. S. Secret Service, Atlanta, Ga., were kept advised of the developments as they occurred and are being furnished one copy each of enclosed LHM.

ENCLOSURE

100-438794-2646

2 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
1 - Savannah
WPF/fme
(3)

EX-104 REC 16

AGENCY: CRD, [redacted], IIU, [redacted], CD, ACSI, OSI, 55

HOW FORW: MAY 2 1969

DATE FORW:

BY:

Room 836
9 & D

FB APR 26 1969

RACE/SEX. SECT.

54 MAY 14 1969

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Savannah, Georgia
April 24, 1969

RALLY SPONSORED BY SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE,
VIDALIA, GEORGIA
APRIL 7, 1969

On April 7, 1969, [redacted] (b)(6) advised at 4:30 p.m., that a rally had been planned by the SCLC to be held at the Negro ball park at Vidalia, Georgia, at 7:00 p.m., the same date. He further stated that the purpose of the rally is to attempt to organize the young SCLC workers from the adjoining counties, and further explained that no demonstration was contemplated at this time.

On April 8, 1969, [redacted] (b)(6) advised that approximately 150 individuals had attended the rally on the evening of April 7, 1969, and that no disturbances had occurred.

On the same date, [redacted] (b)(6) Vidalia, Ga., stated that a march protesting racial discrimination was being planned for the evening of April 8, 1969, in Vidalia, Ga.

[redacted] (b)(6) Vidalia, Ga., advised on April 9, 1969, at 11:15 p.m., that no demonstration or racial disturbance of any kind had occurred in Vidalia, Ga., as of that time.

[redacted] He added that he had learned that no disturbance had been planned for that evening.

[redacted] (b)(6)

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

COPIES DESTROYED
362 OCT 16 1970

100-438794-2646

ENCLOSURE

RALLY SPONSORED BY SCLC,
VIDALIA, GA., APRIL 7, 1969

[redacted] (b)(6)

[redacted] advised that he was arrested about 1:00 a.m., on April 9, 1969, by two Toombs County, Georgia, Deputy Sheriffs and charged with possession of concealed weapons after some knives and other articles were found in the bus being used by the SCLC. [redacted] alleged that the two officers had kicked him as he was entering the Toombs County Courthouse. He added that he had been released at 9:30 a.m., and was told that the charges against him had been dismissed. (b)(6)
[redacted] also advised that he had been informed that tear gas had been sprayed on demonstrators confined in the City Jail at Vidalia, Ga., and the Toombs County Jail in Lyons, Ga. He added that groups of Negroes from Sylvester, Dublin, and Swainsboro, Ga., are prepared to travel to Vidalia, Ga., on April 9, 1969, for a demonstration and march if the demonstrators are unable to negotiate for release of the confined demonstrators from the local jails. He explained that negotiations will be made through conferences with the Vidalia City Council members.

[redacted] Vidalia, Ga., advised on (b)(6)
April 10, 1969, that the 55 demonstrators arrested in Vidalia, Ga., on April 8, 1969, for parading without a permit appeared at a meeting on April 10, 1969, at the Vidalia City Hall with the Mayor of Vidalia. [redacted] stated the parents of the arrested demonstrators had requested the meeting and most of the parents were in attendance. He stated that the parents presented a written signed agreement drawn up by them which provided that if the demonstrators were released on six months probation to the parents, there would be a cessation of all demonstrations, marches, or picketing without a proper and valid permit for the period of probation.

RALLY SPONSORED BY SCLC,
VIDALIA, GA., APRIL 7, 1969

The spokesman for the parents at the meeting before the Mayor were identified by [redacted] as Reverend J. L. Curry, local Negro minister, Vidalia, Ga., Edward Lockhart, President of the Vidalia Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and Retha Hopkins, a Vidalia, Ga., Negro citizen. [redacted] advised that the Mayor accepted the parents' agreement and released all 55 demonstrators on six months probation and at about 5:00 p.m., April 10, 1969, they were released to the parents. (b)(6)

[redacted] added that Reverend Oliver C. Taylor, Savannah staff worker of the SCLC, who was driver of the SCLC bus, and who was also arrested on April 8, 1969, as a demonstrator, was also released by the Mayor on six months probation, with the understanding that he also leave Vidalia, Ga. [redacted] continued by stating that Taylor planned on departing Vidalia, Ga., on the morning of April 11, 1969, and drive the bus to Atlanta, Ga. (b)(6)

[redacted] stated that a short rally was held at the Negro ball park in Vidalia, Ga., during the early evening hours of April 10, 1969, and many of the released demonstrators were in attendance. [redacted] advised that a police officer at the rally heard some in attendance make the statement that the picketing of a local grocery store, Shuman's Safeway Market, Vidalia, Ga., was planned for April 11, 1969, and that if this picketing was put into effect without any permit, he anticipated the picketeers would be arrested. (b)(6)

On April 11, 1969, at approximately 10:15 p.m., [redacted] advised that the racial situation in Vidalia was quiet and no activity was anticipated that evening. [redacted] explained that six of the demonstrators arrested in Vidalia, Ga., on April 10, 1969, appeared at Vidalia City Hall about 2:00 p.m., on April 11, 1969, and began picketing on the sidewalk. He added that he approached the six individuals and read to them the city ordinance that a permit was required, and they immediately dispersed and subsequently departed. (b)(6)

On April 17, 1969, [redacted] advised there has been no more racial activity in the area and he did not anticipate any. (b)(6)

RALLY SPONSORED BY SCLC,
VIDALIA, GA., APRIL 7, 1969

111th Military Intelligence Group, Savannah, Georgia, and U. S. Secret Service, Atlanta, Georgia, have been advised of the above information.

FD-36 (Rev. 8-21-64)

CONFIDENTIAL

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

FBI ATLANTA

Date: April 29, 1969

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718) (P)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
RM;
IS - C

Re Atlanta teletypes to Bureau, 4/3/ and 4/25/69, captioned "MURKIN"; and Bulet to Atlanta, 4/15/69, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and eight copies and for Chicago, Philadelphia, Memphis, Mobile, and New York one copy each, of an LHM.

[redacted] b1

AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted], OSI; SECRET SERVICE
IRD CRD. PAO-DIA
DATE FWD: 5/5/69
HOW FWD: RS
BY: [illegible]

EX-102

2 - Bureau (Encs. 9) (RM) ENCLOSURE
2 - Chicago (Enc. 1) (RM)
2 - Philadelphia (Enc. 1) (RM)
2 - Memphis (Enc. 1) (RM)
2 - Mobile (Enc. 1) (RM)
2 - New York (Enc. 1) (RM)
3 - Atlanta
(2 - 100-5718)
[redacted] b1
(1 - 157-656) (James Bevel)
(1 - 44-2386) (MURKIN)

100-438794-2647

REC 18

10 MAY 1 1969

AGS:sat
(17)

CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY SP4 JRM RAC, INT SEC.
REASON FOR EXTENSION 2
FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 4-29-89

CONFIDENTIAL

Approved: _____ Sent 5468 M. Per 0514
Special Agent in Charge 7351P

4-750 (2-7-79)

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

2 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

☒ Deleted under exemption(s) b1 with no segregable material available for release to you.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

☐ Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____ _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

_____

_____

☐ For your information: _____

_____

☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
100-438794-2647 encl pages 1,2.

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X DELETED PAGE(S) X
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
X FOR THIS PAGE X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FBI/DOJ

1

W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source has advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party (CP), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. These delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble of the constitution, are, "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful coexistence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-Communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people."

Over the Labor Day weekend, 1965, the DCA held a conference in Chicago, Illinois, and a new slate of officers was elected to the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the DCA. Since Labor Day, 1965 identities of those serving of the NEC has varied;

however, according to a third source as of May, 1966, thirteen of the fifteen members of the NEC were members of the CP in the San Francisco Bay area.

As of May, 1966, the headquarters of the DCA was located at 1830 Fell Street, San Francisco, California.

CONFIDENTIAL

1

W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO DCC

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the National DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

CONFIDENTIAL

FD-323 (Rev. 11-29-61)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

April 29, 1969

XTRA

Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Character RACIAL MATTER; INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Atlanta memorandum, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

CONFIDENTIAL

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

4-750 (2-7-79)

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

☒ Deleted under exemption(s) b1 with no segregable material available for release to you.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

☐ Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____ _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

_____

_____

☐ For your information: _____

_____

☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:

100-438794-2648

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X DELETED PAGE(S) X
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
X FOR THIS PAGE X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

FBI/DO

4-750 (2-7-79)

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

2 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

☒ Deleted under exemption(s) b1 with no segregable material available for release to you.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

☐ Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____ _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

_____

_____

☐ For your information: _____

_____

☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
100-438794-2649

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
DELETED PAGE(S)
NO DUPLICATION FEE
FOR THIS PAGE
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FBI DO

FD-36 (Rev. 8-22-64)

FBI

Date: 4/28/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 10-1-80 BY SP4 JRM/LC
54644 80514 73518

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-new)(P)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED PICKETING BY THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, MAY 2, 1969 RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning above-captioned matter.

Two copies of LHM are being furnished the Atlanta and Mobile Offices for information purposes.

Copies of this LHM are being furnished Military Intelligence Agencies and Secret Service, Birmingham, Alabama.

Local authorities, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, are aware of the activities mentioned in enclosed LHM.

"T" symbols have been used in LHM to protect sources, the identity of whom could impede their effectiveness to the Bureau.

BH T-1 is [redacted]

BH T-2 is [redacted]

BH T-3 is [redacted]

b70

100-438794-2650

ENC.

(2) - Bureau (Enc. 11) AM - RM
2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2) AM - RM
2 - Mobile (Enc. 2) AM - RM
4 - Birmingham (2 - 157-new)
(1 - 157-115 (SCLC)(1 - 157-2290)(T.Y.ROGERS)

10 APR 29 1969

ELW:hss
(10)

RAC [illegible] SECT.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

51 APR 13 1969

BH 157-new

LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM

AT TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA:

Will follow and report activities of SCLC in this matter.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1400 - 2121 Building
Birmingham, Alabama, 35203
April 28, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-1-80 BY SP4 JRM/ld
54644
60514
73118

RE: PROPOSED PICKETING BY THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, MAY 2, 1969

Under the heading "City reported SCLC target for boycotts," the following article appeared in the "Tuscaloosa News," a newspaper of general circulation in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on Thursday, April 24, 1969:

"Renewed civil rights activity in the form of picketing and boycotts is being planned for Tuscaloosa by the Atlanta-based Southern Christian Leadership Conference, sources here report.

"Contacted in his Atlanta office yesterday, the Reverend T. Y. Rogers, Tuscaloosa minister, now working with the SCLC, said only that a news release on the matter would be forthcoming.

"Reportedly, the plans for boycott and picketing were announced at a civil rights meeting here earlier this week. Plans are said to call for picketing to begin at a local supermarket on May 2 and spread to other downtown businesses.

"The major thrust of the boycott effort is to be aimed at securing more widespread employment of Negroes in other than menial positions here. The current effort is said to differ from previous job drives in that attempts will also be made to remove alleged racial barriers in labor unions and industrial employment.

"An SCLC field worker has been in Tuscaloosa periodically for the past several months and ROGERS personally attended the most recent meeting last Monday night, it is reported.

"The SCLC is said to be organizing similar campaigns throughout the South."

COPIES DESTROYED
362 OCT 16 1970

100-438794-2650

ENCLOSURE

RE: PROPOSED PICKETING BY THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, MAY 2, 1969.

On April 25, 1969, Birmingham Confidential Source T-1 advised that he understands the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), led locally by the Reverend T. Y. Rogers, Pastor of the First African Baptist Church, will begin to picket Avery's Supermarket, 1306 Queen City Avenue, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on May 2, 1969. Source advised he also understands that later on demonstrations are being planned for in front of the Tuscaloosa City Board of Education, exact date for these demonstrations unknown at this time. Source advised that the reason for picketing Avery's Supermarket is primarily because it is a home-owned food store in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and allegedly does not hire Negroes for any type clerical position. Source advised he believes the demonstrations in front of the City Board of Education will be to further efforts at integration in the previously all-white schools in Tuscaloosa.

Source advised that the SCLC worker mentioned in the above-quoted newspaper article is possibly identical with Jesse Lee Jackson, SCLC staff worker from the Lowndes County, Alabama, area. Source advised that this individual was in Tuscaloosa approximately one month ago, but he has not seen him in the area since.

On the same date, Birmingham Confidential Source T-2 furnished information similar to that furnished above by Birmingham Confidential Source T-1. Source also advised that he understands the Tuscaloosa Citizens For Action Committee (TCAC), which is the Tuscaloosa affiliate for SCLC, will be the group active in the above-mentioned picketing and possible demonstrations. Source advised he understands that Reverend T. Y. Rogers will organize and direct the plans for picketing and demonstrations; however, there is no information yet available indicating that ROGERS may actually lead these demonstrations. Source advised he does not believe there will be any outside SCLC staff workers involved in the boycotts or picketing of Avery's Supermarket since the necessary leadership for the picketing is present in Tuscaloosa in the organization of TCAC. Source advised he also understands that TCAC is currently working with the

Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce in an effort to provide better jobs for Negroes in the Tuscaloosa area. Source advised that possibly the outcome of these discussions might avert future pickets and boycotts in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, during the summer months.

Birmingham Confidential Source T-3 was also contacted on April 25, 1959, and furnished information similar to that furnished above by Birmingham Confidential Sources T-1 and T-2. T-3 advised that he understands the picketing and boycotting may extend to some downtown business establishments and possibly also to McFarland Mall, located on the outskirts of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on U. S. 11 Bypass. Source advised he understands that the Tuscaloosa City Commission is currently working with the Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce and Tuscaloosa Citizens For Action Committee in an effort to provide summer employment for Negro youths in Tuscaloosa. Source advised he believes that if any large-scale picketing and boycotting is started in Tuscaloosa, this will possibly hamper the efforts made by the Chamber of Commerce to obtain jobs for Negro youths during the summer months.

Source also advised he understands that the reason Avery's Supermarket was selected as a primary point of picketing activities is because this supermarket is a locally-owned concern and allegedly does not hire Negro help.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

D-323 (Rev. 11-29-61)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1400 - 2121 Building
Birmingham, Alabama
April 28, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Title PROPOSED PICKETING BY THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, MAY 2, 1969.

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Letterhead Memorandum dated April 28, 1969, at Birmingham, Alabama.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 2 1969

TELETYPE

CONFIDENTIAL

10-1-80
CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY SP4 JRM/ct
REASON FOR EXTENSION 2
FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 5-2-69

54688 80514 73578

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

FBI WASH DC

FBI CHICAGO

1:?PM DEFERRED 5-2-69 DJS

TO DIRECTOR (100-438794), ATLANTA (100-5718), SPRINGFIELD AND WFO

WASHINGTON FIELD VIA WASHINGTON

FROM CHICAGO (105-16238) (P) 3P

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

COMINFIL-SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) IS - C

OO: ATLANTA.

CHICAGO SOURCE, RELIABLE, ADVISED TODAY THAT SO-CALLED "HUNGER HEARINGS" HELD PM MAY ONE LAST AT KENWOOD UNITED CHURCH, CHICAGO. A NUMBER OF ILLINOIS STATE LEGISLATORS PRESENT, MEETING DOMINATED BY REVEREND JESSIE JACKSON, DIRECTOR, OPERATION BREADBASKET, SCLC. VARIOUS AREA RESIDENTS CRITICIZED INSUFFICIENCY LOCAL WELFARE AND FOOD PROGRAMS. JACKSON ANNOUNCED RALLY IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, COMMENCING MAY FIVE NEXT WHERE HUNGER PROTESTORS FROM CHICAGO AND ELSEWHERE IN ILLINOIS TO GATHER TO FOCUS ATTENTION AROUND HUNGER ISSUE.

REC 17 100-438794-2651

TENTS TO BE SET UP AT UNSPECIFIED LOCATION IN SPRINGFIELD AND PROTESTORS TO REMAIN FOR UNSPECIFIED TIME, THEY HOPE UNTIL 3 MAY 7 1969 POSITIVE ACTION TAKEN BY STATE LEGISLATURE. ON MAY SIX NEXT RALLY

END PAGE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL

TELETYPED TO: W-8
55 MAY 14 1969

icc & 3 0124
5/2/69
cag/ci

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE TWO

PLANNED FOR ELEVENTH AND JEFFERSON STREETS, SPRINGFIELD, WITH SUBSEQUENT MARCH TO STATE CAPITOL BUILDING, IN SPECIFIC PROTEST, REPORTED INTRODUCTION THAT DATE, IN ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE OF BILL REDUCING ILLINOIS WELFARE PAYMENTS.

JACKSON ANNOUNCED GEORGE WILEY, NATIONAL HEAD OF NATIONAL WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION (NWRO) TO BE IN SPRINGFIELD MAY SIX NEXT TO PARTICIPATE IN RALLY AND MARCH. JACKSON INDICATED HE WOULD SEEK PERSONAL MEETING ILLINOIS GOVERNOR OGILVIE TO DISCUSS RE-EVALUATION ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES.

BLACKSTONE RANGERS, LARGE AND VIOLENCE PRONE SOUTH SIDE CHICAGO NEGRO STREET GANG, HAD REPRESENTATIVES AT MEETING. ANNOUNCED THEY WERE COOPERATING WITH JACKSON IN THIS MATTER AND WOULD BE IN SPRINGFIELD TO PARTICIPATE IN PROTESTS AND RALLIES. NO PLANS INDICATED ON PART THIS GROUP TO INITIATE ANY VIOLENCE.

[redacted] b1

ILLINOIS CHAPTER NWRO CIRCULATING LEAFLETS ADVISING OF DEMONSTRATION MAY SIX NEXT IN SPRINGFIELD, NINE AM, TO PROTEST LEGISLATION CALLING FOR REDUCTION STATE WELFARE PAYMENTS. CHICAGO PD COGNIZANT. MILITARY ADVISED.

END PAGE TWO

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE THREE

ADMINISTRATIVE

[redacted] b1

[redacted]

CHICAGO FOLLOWING. ALL SUBSEQUENT PERTINENT INFO TO BE IMMEDIATELY PROVIDED BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES. SECRET SERVICE AND USA BEING ADVISED BY FOLLOWING LHM.

END

CAB

FBI WASH DC

P

CONFIDENTIAL

[redacted]

FD-16 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 4/30/69

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

5468 8054 73518

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 4/10/80 BY SP1 GSE/RBK

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (105-162.38) (P)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
IS - C
OO: ATLANTA

Re Chicago tel dated 4/28/69 to the Bureau and Springfield, no copy to Atlanta, captioned Operation Breadbasket.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM concerning the above, copies to Atlanta and Springfield as indicated below for information.

Chicago is following and pertinent developments will be immediately and appropriately provided the Bureau and interested offices.

The character IS - C is being deleted from the enclosed LHM as it is inappropriate to its contents.

AGENCY: ACSI, CIA, OSI, SEC, SEA
HOW FORM:
BY:
DATE FOR

REC-103

100-438794-2652

22 MAY 2 1969

2-Bureau (Encls. 11)
2-Atlanta (100-5718) (Encls. 2)
2-Springfield (Encls. 2)
6-Chicago
(1-157-2520) (Operation Breadbasket)
(1-157-953) (JACKSON)
(1-100- (REV. C. T. VIVIAN)
(1-157- (Kenwood-Oakland Community Organization)
(1-157- (Poor Peoples Campaign)
JCS/mah
(12)

INT. SEC

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

70 MAY 26 1969

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois 60604
April 30, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. CG 105-16238

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE (SCLC)

b7D

[redacted] advised on April 28, 1969, that a press conference was scheduled to be held later this date in Chicago by Reverend Jessie Jackson, National Director, Operation Breadbasket (OB), the economic arm of SCLC. The press conference reportedly will be for the purpose of announcing the initiation of local fight against hunger by the SCLC and OB.

In connection with this press conference the evening edition of the "Chicago Daily News", a daily Chicago newspaper, April 28, 1969, carried an article reflecting that Reverend Jackson had appeared, together with Reverend C. T. Vivian and had announced plans for a "hunger march" from Chicago to Springfield, Illinois. Reverend Vivian is an associate of Jackson and a former SCLC official now employed in Chicago.

Jackson had set no specific date for the hunger march to Springfield, however, had stated "we will hit the highway from all areas and go to Springfield and stay there. Resurrection City will be at the state capitol". In connection with a date for such a hunger march, Jackson had stated only that it would take place "sometime" after a public hearing on the hunger problem in Illinois, May 1, 1969, at the Kenwood United Church, 4600 South Greenwood, Chicago, The acting Chicago Health Commissioner will be invited to this public hearing to listen to first hand statistics from undernourished people, in view of a recent statement by this individual that he needs more information before applying for a Federal food supplement program.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

100-438794-2652

COPIES DESTROYED
362 OCT 16 1970

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 4-10-00 BY SP-1 CSR/LLB/dkv

-1-

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)

Both Vivian and Jackson referred to this program as a second phase of the SCLC's Poor People Campaign in Chicago and Illinois, the focus to center on problems of hunger. It was made clear that a coalition of various community organizations throughout the city would participate in this effort, however, these organizations were not named.

The "Chicago Daily Defender" another daily Chicago newspaper, catering primarily to Chicago's south side populace, also contained an article in its April 29, 1969, edition relative to Reverend Jackson's press conference.

This article had noted that Jackson had "blasted" President Richard M. Nixon's postponement of any major program to combat hunger in America. Jackson was quoted as having stated "We, the ministers of SCLC's Operation Breadbasket announce....that hunger is much too serious a problem to be postponed as a national priority. Hunger is the most critical issue of this nation and of this state, therefore, we can not take the President's lead on this matter for it would divide us into those who can eat and those who must starve or go hungry".

Jackson cited a number of statistics from a state wide survey taken recently which indicated that at least seven Illinois counties have a minimum of 11,000 families each who share a minimal diet. In Cook County alone, Jackson noted that "hunger effects more than 50,000 despite denials made by health officials".

Jackson announced that hunger hearings will be held on May 1, 1969, by prominent black doctors at the Kenwood United Church of Christ with the Kenwood-Oakland Community Organization having major responsibilities at these hearings.

(The Kenwood-Oakland Community Organization is a small south side civil rights and neighborhood improvement type organization).

Jackson indicated additionally in his remarks at this press conference that when protests do take place in Springfield around this issue, OB will request a special hearing with Governor Richard B. Ogilvie to discuss a "redefinition" of state priorities. He stated "hunger ought to take precedence over highways or anything else on the Governor's legislative agenda....if these efforts fail to end hunger in Illinois, our efforts and attention will turn to the highways leading to Springfield from every corner of Illinois. We will not hesitate to march to Springfield and reside in the Capitol until hunger is made illegal in Illinois".

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished locally to the Secret Service, Office of the United States Attorney and Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

FBI CHICAGO

200 PM URGENT 5-6-69

TO DIRECTOR (100-438794) AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM CHICAGO (105-16238) (P) 1P

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 6 1969

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

COMINFIL - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC),
IS-C (OO: ATLANTA)

RE SI TEL MAY FIVE LAST UNDER OPERATION BREADBASKET CAPTION.

PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE

SPOT FISURS EARLY AM INSTANT FAIL TO REFLECT BUSES LOADING OR DEPARTING FROM ADDRESSES INDICATED IN RETEL. CONTACT GREYHOUND AND TRAILWAYS BUS LINES, CHICAGO, MAY SIX INSTANT REFLECTS NO BUSES CHARTERED BY OPERATION BREADBASKET OR NATIONAL WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION (NWRO) FOR TRAVEL SPRINGFIELD TODAY OR MAY FIVE LAST.

[redacted] ADVISES TODAY THAT SOME REPRESENTATIVES OF BREADBASKET AND NWRO REPORTED TO HAVE TRAVELED TO SPRINGFIELD MAY FIVE LAST, HOWEVER, NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE REGARDING LARGE GROUPS OR UTILIZATION OF BUSES.

CHICAGO SOURCES KNOWLEDGEABLE REGARDING YOUTH GANG ACTIVITIES HAVE NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING IDENTITIES MEMBERS BLACKSTONE RANGERS YOUTH GANG INTENDING TRAVEL TO SPRINGFIELD. SI NOTE MEMBERSHIP THIS GANG ESTIMATED VARIOUSLY AS HIGH AS SEVERAL THOUSAND. IN EVENT SUBSEQUENT PERTINENT INFO RECEIVED BUREAU AND SI WILL BE ADVISED. CHICAGO FOLLOWING. AMSD COPY TO ATLANTA.

REC-9 100-438794-2653

MAY 8 1969

END

GMJ MAY 13 1969

FBI WASH DC

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-1-80 BY SP4 JLM/lch
54688 80514 73518

FD-36 (Rev. 8-22-64)

FBI

Date: May 1, 1969

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718) (P)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
RM;
IS - C

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

Re Atlanta airtel and LHM, 4/28/69, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and eight copies of LHM.

[redacted] b1

ENCLOSURE

(2) - Bureau (Encs. 9) (RM)
4 - Atlanta
(2 - 100-5718)
[redacted] b1
(1 - 100-7244) (T. Houck)

AGS:sat
(6)

REC-28

100-438794-2654

AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted], OSI; SEC, SERV
[redacted] J&D - D, RAD, Div.
DATE FWD: 5/8/69
HOW FWD: RC
BY: Reg Co
ICI AT 44-28 0694

15 MAY 5 1969

RACIAL INT. SECT.

CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY SP4 J Kimmitt
REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 5-1-89

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

55 MAY 15 1969

4-750 (2-7-79)

XXXXX
XXXXX
XXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

2 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

☒ Deleted under exemption(s) b1 with no segregable material available for release to you.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

☐ Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

_____

_____

☐ For your information: _____

_____

☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
100-438794-2654 encl pages 1,2

XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX
DELETED PAGE(S)
NO DUPLICATION FEE
FOR THIS PAGE
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FBI/DO

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Studonts for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into boing at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in Juno, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam, and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anticommunist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of July 24, 1963, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

FD-323 (Rev. 11-29-61)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

May 1, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Character RACIAL MATTER; INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Memorandum prepared at Atlanta, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION
MAY 3 1969

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Soyars
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

FBI WASH DC

1

FBI CHICAGO

1150PM URGENT 5/2/69 JAH

TO DIRECTOR AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM CHICAGO (105-16238) (P) 1P

COMINFIL - SCLC, IS - C, OO:ATLANTA.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TODAY CAPTIONED "OPERATION BREADBASKET."

CHICAGO SOURCES PREVIOUSLY ALERTED REGARDING POSSIBLE TRAVEL, MEMBERS OF BLACKSTONE RANGERS, NEGRO STREET GANG, TO SPRINGFIELD, WEEK COMMENCING MAY FIVE, NEXT, TO PATICIPATE IN HUNGER DEMONSTATIONS IN SPRINGFIELD. TO DATE, CHICAGO SOURCES UNABLE TO DEVELOP INFORMATION REGARDING IDENTITIES OR MEMBERS BLACKSTONE RANGERS INTENDEG TO TRAVEL SPRINGFIELD.

CHICAGO SOURCES CONTINUE ALERTED AND BUREAU AND SPRINGFIELD WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

END

SVI

FBI WASH DC

REC-2 100-438794-2655

MAY 9 1969

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-1-80 BY SP4 Pmlel
54688 POSTH 73578

30 MAY 2 1969

FD-36 (Rev. 8-22-64)

CONFIDENTIAL

FBI

Date: 4/29/69

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(100-438794)

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)
(100-47194)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

COMINFIL SCLC,
IS-C
(OO: ATLANTA)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

[redacted] C b1

[redacted] C

10-1-80

CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY SP4J RM/LL
REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II. 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 4-29-89

54 88 80514
73518

100-438794

NOT RECORDED
MAY 7 1969

4-Bureau
2- 44-38861
2- 100-438794
2- Atlanta (SCLC)
2- Columbia (SCLC)
3- New York
1- 44- (MURKIN)
1- 100- (SCLC)
1- 157- (JAMES BEVEL)
4- Philadelphia
1- 44-1368
1- 100-47194
1- 157-2979 (JAMES BEVEL)

[redacted] C b1

EMC:rel
(15)

CARBON COPY

4-1-88 2761-5731

ORIGINAL FILED IN

CONFIDENTIAL

Approved: 16 MAY 1969 Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

PH 44-1368
PH 100-47194

b1

[redacted] is the second floor of a two story building. A state liquor store is on the first floor and there are approximately four apartments on the second floor. Everyone residing in the apartments on the second floor is connected in some way with SCLC.

It is to be noted that BEVERLY STERNER, girl friend of BEVEL, and BEVEL have been interviewed by agents at this address.

[redacted] b1

The above is furnished for information and was not put into an LHM because it would immediately identify an informant of continuing value.

LEAD

[redacted]

CONFIDENTIAL

FBI 44-1368
FBI 100-47194

NEW YORK:
AT NEW YORK, N.Y.

Attempt to locate whereabouts of JAMES BEVEL and if in a hospital, attempt to determine reason for hospitalization.

CONFIDENTIAL

-788 (2-7-78)

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

___ Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

☒ Deleted under exemption(s) b1 b7D with no segregable material available for release to you.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

☐ Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

___ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

___ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

☐ For your information: _____

☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
100-438794-2656

XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX
DELETED PAGE(S)
NO DUPLICATION FEE
FOR THIS PAGE
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FBI/DOJ

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 6 1969

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

FBI WASH DC

FBI BIRMINGHAM

425 PM DEFERRED 5-6-69 JGA

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 10-1-80 BY SP4 JAM/dl 54166 605 14 73516

TO DIRECTOR 100-438794

FROM BIRMINGHAM 157-115 AND 157-804 2P

DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, MAY SIX, SIXTYNINE. RM.

"ON MAY SIX INSTANT, FBI AGENTS OBSERVED THE FOLLOWING:

AT APPROXIMATELY ONE TWENTY P.M., A TOTAL OF SEVENTEEN NEGROES, INCLUDING THREE JUVENILES, LEFT KELLY INGRAM PARK, DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM, AND MARCHED TO JEFFERSON COUNTY FOOD STAMP OFFICE, EIGHT ZERO FIVE TWENTYSECOND STREET NORTH. THE MARCHERS BLOCKED BOTH ENTRANCES TO THE FOOD STAMP OFFICE FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES, HOLDING UP SEVERAL SIGNS SUCH AS "JUSTICE FOR THE POOR", ETC. THEY LEFT FOOD STAMP OFFICE ABOUT ONE FIFTY P.M., MARCHED ABOUT A BLOCK AND RETURNED TO FOOD STAMP OFFICE. THEY STOOD AT FRONT ENTRANCE FOR A FEW MINUTES AND LEFT. THE GROUP PROCEEDED TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY PENSIONS AND SECURITY OFFICE ON EIGHTH AVE. NORTH, WHERE THEY SANG A FEW MINUTES AND HELD UP THEIR SIGNS. THEY DEPARTED FROM THIS OFFICE AND MARCHED BACK TO KELLY INGRAM.

END PAGE ONE

REC-7 100-438794-2657

17 MAY 9 1969

55 MAY 19 1969

PAGE TWO

WHERE THEY DISBANDED AT APPROXIMATELY TWO SEVENTEEN P.M.

THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS OR VIOLENCE OF ANY KIND DURING THIS MARCH.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

LOCAL MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND STATE INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES PRESENT DURING MARCH. LHM FOLLOWS. AIRMAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA AND MOBILE.

END

BJP

FBI WASH DC

C MR. TRAINOR
ROOM 836 9&D COPY SENT. IDIU

FD-36 (Rev. 8-22-64)

CONFIDENTIAL

FBI

Date: 4/29/69

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-115)(P)

DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES BY
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
4/25-28/69
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Also enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of FD 376.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum have been disseminated locally to military intelligence agencies; U. S. Attorney, Birmingham; Secret Service, Birmingham. Copies are also being disseminated to the Atlanta and Mobile Offices for information.

[redacted]

(2) - Bureau (Enc. 13)
1 - Atlanta (Enc. 1)
1 - Mobile (Enc. 1)
4 - Birmingham (1 - 157-115)
(1 - 157-804)
(1 - 157-3708 HOSEA WILLIAMS)
(1 - 157- HERMAN LEON O'NEAL)

CBS:cab
(8)

1 ENCLOSURE

REC 43
100-438794-2658

CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY 3 MAY 2 1969
REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION

RACKLEY, SECT.

Approved: _____ Sent 7:51 P M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

CONFIDENTIAL

MAY 2 1969

AGENCY: CRD, ACSI, OSI, SS
HOW FORM:
DATE FORM: MAY 2 1969
BY:

FD-36 (Rev. 8-22-64)

CONFIDENTIAL

FBI

Date: 4/29/69

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-115)(P)

DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES BY
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
4/25-28/69
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Also enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of FD 376.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum have been disseminated locally to military intelligence agencies; U. S. Attorney, Birmingham; Secret Service, Birmingham. Copies are also being disseminated to the Atlanta and Mobile Offices for information.

[redacted] 1 cbl

(2) - Bureau (Enc. 13)
1 - Atlanta (Enc. 1)
1 - Mobile (Enc. 1)
4 - Birmingham (1 - 157-115)
(1 - 157-804)
(1 - 157-3708 HOSEA WILLIAMS)
(1 - 157- HERMAN LEON O'NEAL)

CBS:cab
(8)

1 ENCLOSURE

REC 43
100-438794-2658

CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY 3 MAY 2 1969
REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION

RACKET. SECT.

Approved: _____ Sent 7:35 M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

CONFIDENTIAL

01 MAY 2 1969

AGENCY: CND, ACSI, OSI
HOW FORM:
DATE FORM: MAY 2 1969
BY:

I-378 (Rev. 4-25-68)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

X HAL

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 29, 1969

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES
BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
APRIL 25 - 28, 1969

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

7. X For possible interest of the U. S. Secret Service.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

X HAL

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)
U. S. Secret Service, Birmingham

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Birmingham, Alabama
April 29, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

CONFIDENTIAL

RE: DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES BY
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
APRIL 25 - 28, 1969

FBI Agents observed the following on April 25, 1969.

At approximately 12:50 p.m., about 64 Negroes, including 12 children, led by Herman Leon O'Neal, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) worker from Memphis, Tennessee, left Kelly Ingram Park, Birmingham, Alabama, and marched through part of the downtown business district to the Jefferson County Food Stamp Center near Eighth Avenue and 22nd Street North. Many of these individuals crowded near the back door of the Food Stamp Center and were apparently blocking the rear door. Birmingham Police Department arrested six women and two men at this point and carried them away in the paddy wagon.

The remainder of the group left the Food Stamp Building and walked to the intersection of Eighth Avenue and 22nd Street North and began to circle the intersection. Several of them lay down in the intersection. The police gave them one minute to get up. They failed to get up, and ten adults and two juveniles were arrested at this point. Among those arrested in the intersection was Herman Leon O'Neal, mentioned above.

Approximately 27 marchers remained after this arrest. These marched to the Pensions and Security Building on Eighth Avenue North. They attempted to get in, and an official said that he would permit one at a time to enter. No one actually entered, and in about five minutes all the marchers departed and went back to Kelly Ingram Park, where they dispersed.

No other incidents occurred during the march.

CONFIDENTIAL

15-1-80
CLASSIFIED AND
EXTENDED BY... SPY J Scott
REASON FOR EXTENSION 2
FCIM, II, 1-4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR
DECLASSIFICATION... 4-29-89
54666 805 4 73518

100-438794-2658

COPIES DESTROYED
362 OCT 10 1970

ENCLOSURE

FBI Agents observed the following events on April 26, 1969.

At approximately 1:40 p.m., about 97 Negroes, including probably 50 per cent women and children, led by Robert Johnson and Reverend Oliver Taylor, SCLC workers, left Kelly Ingram Park and marched through part of the downtown business district of Birmingham, Alabama. At First Avenue and 20th Street North, two Negro males were arrested, apparently for disobeying a police officer inasmuch as they were trying to block the intersection. The group then marched back to Kelly Ingram Park. After resting a few minutes, the group left and marched to Fourth Avenue and 17th Street North, where nine women and three men were arrested. The group then returned once again to Kelly Ingram Park, where they dispersed.

There was no violence or other incidents during this march.

It is noted that there was no march held on April 27, 1969. However, a Birmingham Confidential Source advised that SCLC held a mass meeting at the Saint Paul's AME Church at 7:30 p.m. on this date. There were approximately 450 to 500 people present, and Reverend Albert Sampson, SCLC worker from Atlanta, Georgia, delivered a prepared speech against poverty in the United States. This was the main speech of the evening. There was quite a bit of congregational singing, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m. This Source noted that Hosea Williams was not present at the meeting and had heard that Williams had temporarily left Birmingham, destination unknown.

[redacted] b1

There was talk in the meeting about a 15 year old boy who had been caught in a previous meeting with a tape recorder. It was alleged that Detective Marcus Jones had sent the boy in with this recorder. The boy's mother allegedly works for Jones in his home. They are "going to keep the tape recorder fully charged so Detective Jones can hear it". It was said that someone would go on Saturday, April 26, 1969, to talk to the parents of the boy about what he had done.

Hosea Williams spoke until 9:00 p.m. He talked about the above mentioned boy and about Deputy Sheriff Raymond Belcher. Hosea Williams said he had to get a permit to go back to the Court House. He "talked awful" about Deputy Sheriff Belcher and Detective Jones and said the 15 year old boy could have been killed for what he did. Hosea Williams said he was going to get a permit to go to the County Jail. He announced that black people were going to be ordered to get insurance from black people and take away all insurance in the white companies. He announced a plan to boycott stores and insurance companies if they did not pay their part in the "Christian Movement". He did not set a date for the boycott to begin. He demanded that a black supermarket be opened. He said all "Uncle Toms" must be stopped. Williams said he is not afraid of dying any more. He said he was upset about Ralph Abernathy being in jail, upset about crowds attending meetings getting smaller all the time and upset because they are not getting enough money. Williams said every individual black man would have to be boycotted until he contributes his part to SCLC. Williams left in a hurry to go to Talladega, Alabama, where he was to speak to a mass meeting of some kind.

It was announced that there would be demonstrations until some changes were made in Birmingham. The assembled group sang a song about "making the white man do right before they get mad".

FBI Agents observed on April 28, 1969, that no march was held on this date.

b1

[redacted]

SCLC has been promised two additional buses from Washington, D.C., and one from somewhere in Georgia, to use in Birmingham in hauling college students to use in the Birmingham marches. The daily marches may be confined to Mondays and Saturdays, both of which they consider as good days to tie up traffic. The days between Monday and Saturday would be used to hold workshops to train the workers. Efforts are being made to rent an office and quit using the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights Headquarters at 1616 Fourth Avenue North. It was mentioned that Reverend Edward Gardner, vice president of this group, was not too cooperative toward SCLC.

CONFIDENTIAL

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to yoru agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

CONFIDENTIAL

FD-313 (Rev. 11-29-61)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Birmingham, Alabama
April 29, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

CONFIDENTIAL

Title DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 4/25-28/69

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Letterhead memorandum dated April 29, 1969, at Birmingham, Alabama

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

CONFIDENTIAL

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 7 1969

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

FBI WASH DC

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-1-80 BY SP4 JRM/ca

FBI BIRMGHAM

640PM DEFERRED 5-7-69 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (100-438794)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-115) 1P

DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, MAY SEVEN, SIXTYNINE. RM.

ON MAY SEVEN INSTANT, FBI AGENTS OBSERVED THE FOLLOWING.

AT APPROXIMATELY TWELVE FIFTEEN P.M., A TOTAL OF TWENTYTWO NEGROES LEFT KELLY INGRAM PARK, DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM, AND MARCHED THROUGH THE DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM AREA, CARRYING SIGNS ATTACKING POVERTY, ETC. THEY RETURNED TO KELLY INGRAM PARK WITHOUT INCIDENT AND DISPERSED AT APPROXIMATELY ONE THIRTY P.M.

REC-124 100-438794-2659
MAY 13 1969

ADMINISTRATIVE:

LOCAL MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT AND STATE INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES PRESENT DURING MARCH. LHM FOLLOWS. AIR MAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA AND MOBILE.

END

MKA

~~Included in summary to White House and Attorney General. Date~~

FBI WASH DC

RECD-INT. SECT.

COPY SENT - IDIU
MR TRAINOR
RO M 826 MAY 9 1969

CONFIDENTIAL

VIA TELETYPE

MAY 7 1969

ENCIPHERED

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY 10-1-80 SP/Jam/ltw
REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 5-7-89

54 MAY 21 1969

WA6 FBI PHILA

525PM

URGENT 5-7-69 JLK

TO DIRECTOR ATTN DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE 100-438794, ATLANTA AND COLUMBIA

CODE

FROM PHILADELPHIA 100-47194 3P

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

COMINFIL OF SCLC, IS - C

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, RELIABLE IN THE PAST, ON FIVE SIX LAST STATED HE LEARNED ON THAT DATE THAT THE PHILADELPHIA CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (PCLC) WILL SEND SUPPORTERS TO HOSPITAL WORKERS DISPUTE BEING LED BY REVEREND RALPH D. ABERNATHY IN CHARLESTON, S.C. SOURCE STATED PCLC WILL CHARTER BUS BUT ADDITIONAL DETAILS NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THIS SOURCE. SOURCE WILL FURNISH ADDITIONAL DETAILS AS FORMULATED BY PCLC.

100-438794-2660

[redacted] GREYHOUND CHARTER BUS SERVICE, PHILADELPHIA, PA., ADVISED ON MAY SEVENTH INSTANT, THAT HE RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE PCLC ON THAT DATE FOR ONE CHARTERED BUS TO DEPART EIGHT PM, MAY TEN NEXT FROM TWO FIVE ONE ONE WEST GIRARD AVENUE,

END PAGE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL

Included in summary to White House and Attorney General. Date 5-7-69

PHILADELPHIA, PA., TO ARRIVE CHARLESTON, S.C., APPROXIMATELY SIX AM, MAY ELEVENTH NEXT. ON RETURN BUS WILL DEPART FROM BROOKS MOTEL, CHARLESTON, S.C., AT EIGHT PM, ON MAY ELEVENTH NEXT FOR DIRECT RETURN TO PHILADELPHIA. b7D

[redacted] STATED HE HAS ENTERED REQUEST FOR ONE BUS HOLDING THIRTY EIGHT PASSENGERS, HOWEVER, CONFIRMATION NOT ANTICIPATED FROM GREYHOUND UNTIL MAY EIGHT NEXT.

"THE EVENING BULLETIN", A PHILA., PA., DAILY NEWSPAPER, DATED MAY SIX LAST, FOUR STAR SPORTS EDITION, ON PAGE NINE, CONTAINED ARTICLE "ONE HUNDRED FROM PHILA GOING TO SOUTH CAROLINA TO BACK NEGRO HOSPITAL WORKERS DEMAND." ARTICLE STATES MERCEL RANDOLPH, CHAIRMAN OF BOARD, PHILA CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (PCLC) STATED LAST NIGHT ONE HUNDRED VOLUNTEERS WILL TRAVEL TO CHARLESTON, S.C., ON SAT. (MAY TEN NEXT) TO SUPPORT DISPUTE OVER RIGHT OF HOSPITAL WORKERS TO ORGANIZE. ACCORDING TO RANDOLPH, BUS LOADS OF SUPPORTERS FROM SEVERAL CITIES, INCLUDING PHILA., ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN CHARLESTON ON MAY ELEVENTH NEXT IN TIME FOR ONE PM MOTHER'S DAY MARCH, THEN RETURN HOME IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD. RANDOLPH STATED PCLC HAS UNQUALIFIED

END PAGE TWO

SUPPORT OF PHILA WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION, A PHILA ORGANIZATION OF WELFARE RECIPIENTS, AND IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE BY PCLC TO PAY FOR CHARTERED BUS, SEVERAL WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION MEMBERS ARE GOING TO CHARLESTON TO MAKE THEIR SUPPORT VISIBLE.

COPIES BEING DISSEMINATED LOCALLY TO OSI, MI, NISO, SECRET SERVICE, AND USA, EDPA.

ADMINISTRATIVE. b1

[redacted] b7D

INFORMATION FROM [redacted] RECEIVED BY SA [redacted] b7C

PHILA SOURCES ALERTED TO ASCERTAIN DETAILS RE MAY TEN NEXT TRIP TO CHARLESTON WHICH DETAILS WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU, ATLANTA, AND COLUMBIA.

LHM FOLLOWS.

END

LEC FBI WASH DC

COPY SENT: IDIU

CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY 5AYJKM/ch
REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-24.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 5-5-89

CONFIDENTIAL

Date: 5/5/69

Transmit the following in 60514 54688 73518 (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL (Priority)

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (105-16238) (P)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
IS - C

(OO: ATLANTA)

Re Chicago teletype 5/2/69, under the above caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a LHM concerning captioned matter, with copies as indicated below for interested offices for information.

[redacted] C

Chicago is continuing to follow this matter and all subsequent, pertinent information will be appropriately disseminated.

11 ENCLOSURE

(2) - Bureau (Encs. 11) (RM)
2 - Atlanta (Encs. 2) (RM) (100-5718)
3 - Springfield (Encs. 3) (RM)
(1 - 157-1330) (OPERATION BREADBASKET)
2 - WFO (Encs. 2) (RM)
(1 - 157- (NATIONAL WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION)
7 - Chicago
[redacted] C
[redacted] C
(1 - 157-2520) (OPERATION BREADBASKET)
(1 - 157-1148) (BLACKSTONE RANGERS)
(1 - 157-953) (JESSE JACKSON)
(1 - 157-2273) (NWRO)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

REC-31 100-438794-2661

25 MAY 12 1969

JCS/bab
(16)

AGENCY: AGCY, [redacted], ONI; SEC. SERV. [redacted] ISD CAD. RAD TYPE. CONFIDENTIAL

DATE: 5/12/69
HOW SENT:
BY: Sent Per

Approved: Special Agent in Charge

30 MAY 20 1969

ICC ATT 4/11/78 69 HW

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois
May 5, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 105-16238

CONFIDENTIAL

10-1-80
CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY SP4 JJM/A
REASON FOR EXTENSION
FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 5-5-89

54644
80514
73518

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum of April 30, 1969, under this caption.

b1

[redacted] furnished information reflecting that a so-called "hunger hearing" was held during the evening hours of May 1, 1969, at Kenwood United Church of Christ, 4607 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago. This affair was organized by Operation Breadbasket (OB), the economic arm and affiliate of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and Reverend Jesse Jackson, the National Director of OB presided over the meeting.

Various area residents, welfare recepients, criticized local welfare and food programs, attacking them as "inadequate, dehumanizing and racist."

During the course of the meeting Reverend Jackson announced that a protest rally and demonstration was being organized for Springfield, Illinois, to commence May 5, 1969, where hunger protestors from Chicago and elsewhere in Illinois will gather to focus legislative attention around the issue of hunger. Jackson stated that tents will be set up at an unspecified location in Springfield and the hunger and welfare protestors expect to remain in Springfield for an unspecified period of time. It is hoped that because of the protest rendered by them positive action will be taken by the Illinois State Legislature which is now in session.

On May 6, 1969, a rally is planned in Springfield for 11th and Jefferson Streets, with a subsequent march to the State Capitol Building. This activity is to be in specific protest of the anticipated introduction on that date of legislation which would reduce the amount of welfare payments made to recepients in Illinois.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

COPIES DESTROYED
362 OCT 16 1970

100-438794-2661

ENCLOSURE

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Jackson also stated that George Wiley, whom he identified as National Director of the National Welfare Rights Organization (NWRO), headquartered in Washington, D.C., is to be in Springfield on May 6, 1969, to participate in this rally and march. Jackson announced that he and Wiley would seek a personal meeting with Illinois Governor Richard Ogilvie, to discuss a re-evaluation of Illinois legislative priorities.

It was observed that there were representatives present at this meeting of the Blackstone Rangers, a large and violence prone South Side Chicago Negro street gang. Members of this group served as meeting ushers and one of their number was a speaker. It was announced that representatives of the Rangers would go to Springfield to participate in the aforementioned activities and were cooperating with Reverend Jackson, just as they had "marched with King." There were no plans indicated and no comments made which reflected that the Rangers intended to initiate any violence or disturbance type activity in Springfield.

b1

[redacted] that the Illinois Chapter of the NWRO was circulating leaflets in Chicago on this date announcing demonstration plans for May 6, 1969, in Springfield, Illinois. The leaflets indicated that the purpose of the demonstration would be to protest legislation calling for a reduction of welfare payments in Illinois.

Chicago's press media carried articles, on May 2, 1969, relative to the meeting at the Kenwood United Church of Christ on the evening of May 1, 1969. An article in the "Chicago Daily News," a daily Chicago newspaper, reflected that a number of Illinois legislators were present at this affair. Identified as having been in attendance were Illinois State Representative Robert Mann, State Senator Richard Newhouse, State Senator Cecil Partee, State Senator Charles Chew and State Representative Harold Washington.

A copy of this memorandum is being provided to the Office of the United States Attorney and to Secret Service, both Chicago, Illinois, and to Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

CONFIDENTIAL

VIA TELETYPE CONFIDENTIAL

ENCIPHERED

Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

10-1-80
CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY 5th Rmlt
2/70/- REASON FOR EXTENSION 2
&& FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR 5-10-89
WA-02 DECLASSIFICATION
546K 235.4 2351K

152AM 5-10-69 URGENT JMV

TO DIRECTOR (100-438794), ATTN DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE, ATLANTA, AND COLUMBIA ...CODE...

FROM PHILADELPHIA (100-47194)

COMINFIL SCLC. IS - C. SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

[redacted] b7D

[redacted] GREYHOUND CHARTER BUS SERVICE, PHILA., ADVISED FIVE NINE INSTANT THAT HE RECEIVED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR CHECK FROM PCLC AS DEPOSIT ON BUS FOR ROUND TRIP TO CHARLESTON, S.C. BUS, WHICH HOLDS THIRTY- EIGHT PASSENGERS, DUE TO LEAVE PHILA. EIGHT PM, SAT., AND ARRIVE CHARLESTON SIX AM, SUN.

[redacted] b7D

100-438794-2662

END PAGE ONE

56 MAY 21 1969

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE TWO

[redacted] b7D

ADMINISTRATIVE. [redacted] b1

[redacted] COPIES BEING DISSEMINATED LOCALLY TO OSI, MI, NIS0, SECRET SERVICE, AND USA, EDPA.

EJD

WA...JDR

BT IWASH DC

cc. Shackleford

CONFIDENTIAL

VIA TELETYPE
MAY 9 1969
ENCIPHERED

PARAPHRASE IF DISSEMINATED.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

R-24

URGENT 5-9-69

TO DIRECTOR, CINCINNATI AND COLUMBIA

FROM ATLANTA

MARCH BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), DAYTON, OHIO, MAY TEN, SIX NINE. RACIAL MATTERS.

RE CINCINNATI TEL TO BUREAU MAY EIGHT, SIX NINE, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

FOR INFORMATION CINCINNATI, ITINERARY OF RALPH D. ABERNATHY, PRESIDENT, SCLC, AS OF MAY EIGHT, SIX NINE, REFLECTS HE PLANNED TO BE IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, MAY TEN, SIX NINE. ATLANTA, AS OF MAY NINE, SIX NINE, NOT AWARE OF CHANGE IN THIS ITINERARY, BUT ABERNATHY KNOWN TO MAKE ABRUPT CHANGES FREQUENTLY.

RECEIVED: 11:35AM REM

100-438794-2663

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-7-80 BY SP4 JKM/lt

MR. TRAINOR
ROOM 836 9&D

MAY 21 1969

FD-36 (Rev. 8-22-64)

CLASS. AND EXTENDED BY SP4 JRM/lch
REASON FOR EXTENSION CIM. H. 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 4-24-69

FBI

Date: 4/24/69

Transmit the following in 54688 (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL 60514 AIRMAIL-REGISTERED (Priority)

73518

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-115) (P)

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE;
POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE,
MAJOR URBAN AREAS
RACIAL MATTERS

Remytels, 4/23/69 and 4/23/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Also enclosed for the Bureau are 2 copies of an FD-376.

Copies of letterhead memorandum have been disseminated locally to military intelligence agencies, U. S. Attorney, Birmingham, and U. S. Secret Service, and also to the Atlanta Office and Mobile Office for information.

[redacted] b1

AGENCY: CRD, ISD, IIU, ~~RAC~~, CD, ACSI, OSI

NOW WORK: 1/11

DATE FORW: MAY 5 1969 - Room 838

BY: [redacted] M & D

100-438794-2664

(2) - Bureau (Enc. 13) (RM)
2 - Atlanta (100-5718) (Enc. 1) (RM)
1 - Mobile (157-3077) (Enc. 1) (RM)
3 - Birmingham
1 - 157-115
1 - 157-804
1 - 157-3708 (HOSEA WILLIAMS)

CBS:bsg
(7)

APR 28 1969

REC 29

(1) RACIAL INVEST.

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADD. DISSEMINATION

60 MAY 2 01969

Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

FD-376 (Rev. 4-25-69)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 24, 1969

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE;
POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE,
MAJOR URBAN AREAS
RACIAL MATTERS

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

X For possible interest of the U. S. Secret Service.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)
U. S. Secret Service , Birmingham

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Birmingham, Alabama 35203
April 24, 1969

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-1-80 BY SP4 JRM/LL

RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE;
POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE,
MAJOR URBAN AREAS

FBI Agents observed the following events on April 22, 1969:

At 1:15 PM, approximately 80 Negroes, including approximately 20 children and teen-agers, left the Kelly Ingram Park, Birmingham, Alabama, in a single file march toward the Birmingham City Hall. The group stopped for a moment, knelt down and had a silent prayer in front of the city hall. The group then marched by the City Library and nearby Jefferson County Courthouse, returned to the vicinity of the city hall and passed in front of the main post office on 5th Avenue North. The group returned north on 17th Street, marched through Kelly Ingram Park, and went to the headquarters of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR), 1616 4th Avenue North. They left this point at approximately 2:00 PM. After staying a few minutes at ACMHR Headquarters, getting cold drinks and so forth, they then marched around the block and re-entered Kelly Ingram Park. Some of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) workers brought them box lunches, which they ate in the park, and several of the younger members engaged in a football game. By 3:30 PM, all had dispersed from the park. Leaflets were distributed in the park indicating another public meeting would be held that day at 7:30 PM at Thurgood Memorial CME Church, 517 Center Street North, Birmingham.

There were no incidents and no violence of any kind during the march.

100-438794-2664

ENCLOSURE

RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

A Confidential Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that SCLC held a mass meeting at Thurgood Memorial Church, 521 Center Street North, on April 22, 1969, at 7:00 PM. Source reported that the following took place:

The regular minister of the church, the Rev. Jesse Douglas, was in Washington, D. C., on business of some kind. Ben Clark, SCLC official, was the guest speaker. There was no mention made of violence of any kind, and it was more like a church meeting than anything else.

It was announced that another group meeting would take place at Kelly Ingram Park at 11:00 AM, on April 23, 1969. It was said that it was "nobody's business where they were going from there." No mention was made of "black power" or the Ku Klux Klan. The group was generally quiet. Volunteers were called for to help prepare the food for the marchers, and six people volunteered to do this.

There was talk about police brutality, and those present were told to come forward and let it be known if anyone had been subjected to police brutality or "roughed up" in any way by the police, and not to be backward or hesitant in letting anyone know about it.

It was said that Negro judges, lawyers and solicitors were wanted in the courtroom.

It was said that Negro children are not being treated right, that teachers won't do the right job for the Negro children, so why keep them in these integrated schools. It was suggested that parents remove their children from the white schools, and that "teachers have got to be made"to do their job toward the Negro students.

There were six SCLC leaders present, names unknown. All had heavy beards on their faces and were heavy set. Whoever the six were, they stood up to be recognized.

Ben Clark would merely whisper to the speakers when it was time to get up. He would not announce their names.

Some minister spoke of teen-agers running around with knives, and did not feel that this was a good thing for them to be doing. A speaker said that they did not want the white people in their meetings because it was not desired that the white people know what their plans are and what they are going to do.

About $164 was raised for Rev. Ralph Abernathy who was said to be in jail in Charlotte, North Carolina.

There were over 600 in attendance at this meeting, all seated, in the estimation of the source.

The members of the Beauticians Organization were present during the meeting trying to help raise funds for SCLC.

The following was observed by FBI Agents at Birmingham, on April 23, 1969:

At 2:55 PM, April 23, 1969, approximately 50 Negroes, mostly teen-agers and children, left in a single file march from 1616 4th Avenue North, Headquarters of ACMHR. They marched through the Negro business section past the Birmingham City Hall and stopped at the Jefferson County Department of Pensions and Security on 8th Avenue North. At this point, one of the SCLC leaders made a speech concerning poverty and the need for food and other benefits. This individual held a peaceful conversation with Mr. (first name unknown) Pugh, who stated he was Deputy Commissioner for the State of Alabama, Department of Pensions and Security. The SCLC leader requested food for hungry people immediately. He said that they were all hungry. Mr. Pugh said he had no food at this building, and the Office of Pensions and Security was not set up to furnish food on that basis. Pugh agreed to call Mr. Ruben King, Head of the State Department of Pensions and Security, Montgomery, Alabama, about this matter.

The group then marched on through downtown Birmingham and several of them were heard to curse people in a low voice as they passed along. A white man, age 25, Richard Leslie Frye, 3117 Avenue "G", Ensley, Birmingham, struck one of the marchers. He was questioned by a Birmingham police officer who ascertained his identity. He said the marcher had called him an "S.O.B." and he struck him. The leader of the SCLC marching group said he did not wish to prefer any charges against Frye, and the Birmingham police officer released Frye.

The march continued, proceeding down 20th Street North and back to the ACMHR Headquarters without further incident.

The above source advised on April 24, 1969, that a mass meeting sponsored by SCLC was held at 7:30 PM, on April 23, 1969, at 45th Street Baptist Church, 1209 Coosa Street, Birmingham. About 250 people were there. The main speaker was Hosea Williams, SCLC official, who said among other things that he intended to be in Birmingham for a long time, that he might as well look for a house at least for the summer. He complained that there are few Birmingham Negroes participating in the marches. He expected more people from out-of-town next week. He said also next week he intends to go to Montgomery, Alabama, and try and get things going there. He said that he will try and meet with Governor Albert Brewer. He also said that he wanted to get something started in Selma, Alabama.

One of the speakers announced a public gathering for 12 o'clock noon, April 24, 1969, no specific place mentioned. He said they planned to have two lines of marchers, one a "jail line" and one a "bail line." Source was not able to understand if this meant that they would have two separate groups or two lines in the same group.

RE: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

It was announced that a public meeting would be held at First Baptist Church of Kingston, 4600 9th Avenue North, at 7:00 PM, April 24, 1969, and the Rev. A. D. King would be the main speaker.

[redacted]

b7D

4-750 (2-7-79)

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

1 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

☒ Deleted under exemption(s) b7D with no segregable material available for release to you.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

☐ Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____ _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

_____

_____

☐ For your information: _____

_____

☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
100-438794-2664 encl page 6.

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X DELETED PAGE(S) X
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
X FOR THIS PAGE X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

FBI/DOJ

FD-323 (Rev. 11-29-61)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Alabama 35203
April 24, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Title SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE; POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MAJOR URBAN AREAS

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Letterhead memorandum, at Birmingham, Alabama, dated April 24, 1969

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

4-750 (2-7-79)

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

2 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

☒ Deleted under exemption(s) b1 with no segregable material available for release to you.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

☐ Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____ _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

_____

_____

☐ For your information: _____

_____

☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
100-438794-2664X

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X DELETED PAGE(S) X
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
X FOR THIS PAGE X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FBI/DO

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

CONFIDENTIAL

Date: April 30, 1969

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL (Priority)

CONFIDENTIAL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA

SUBJECT: COMINFIL CP - SCLC
RM
IS - C
Atlanta file 100-5718

CIRM
IS - C
Bufile 100-442529
Atlanta file 100-6670

10-1-80
CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY SP4 JRM/mw
REASON FOR EXTENSION 2
FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 4-30-89

54688 80514 73516

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and eight copies, and for New York four copies, of LHM.

[redacted] b1

B ENCLOSURE

(3) - Bureau (Encs. 9) (RM)
4 - New York
(1 - Jack O'Dell)
(1 - 100-111180) (S. Levison)
5 - Atlanta
(2 - 100-5718)
(2 - 100-6670)
[redacted] b1

EX-103 100-438794-2664 X1

AGS:sat
(12)

18 MAY 2 1969

AGENCY: ACSI, OSI; SEC. SERV. RAO FBI

DATE FORM: 5/24/69
HOW FORM: RLS
BY: C.J.C.

RACIAL INT. SECT.

UNREC COPY FILED IN

CONFIDENTIAL

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

4-750 (2-7-79)

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

2 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

☒ Deleted under exemption(s) b1 with no segregable material available for release to you.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

☐ Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____ _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

_____

_____

☐ For your information: _____

_____

☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
100-438794-2664X1 encl pages 1,2

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
DELETED PAGE(S)
NO DUPLICATE FEE
FOR THIS PAGE
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FBI/DO

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

JACK O'DELL

The Summer, 1968, issue of "Broadcasting" lists J.H. O'Dell(Jack O'Dell) as its Associate Managing Editor.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

1. CONFIDENTIAL

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York State Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the Certificate of Incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

[redacted] (C) b1

[redacted] (C)

The second Quarter, 1968, issue of "Freedomways", self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City, lists the following as its editorial staff:

JOHN HENRIK CLARKE	Associate Editor
ESTHER JACKSON	Managing Editor
J. H. O'DELL	Associate Managing Editor
JOHN L. DEVINE	Art Editor

"The Worker" an East Coast Communist newspaper, June 25, 1967, Page 10, contained an article on a memorial to MIKE GOLD held at Town Hall, New York City, the previous Friday night. It said that one of the speakers was JOHN HENRIK CLARKE of "Freedomways".

"The Worker", May 21, 1967, Page 3, contained an article on the death of MIKE GOLD on May 15, 1967, in San Francisco, California. It described him as having been an author and columnist for "The Worker" for 32 years. It noted that he joined the CP "shortly after it was founded and to which he adhered till the day he died".

A third source advised on February 16, 1968, that a committee from the 6th Assembly District Club, Kings County CP, visited BUNNY DEVINE, a member of that club, on February 1[illegible], 1968, to determine why she had not attended club meetings for

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC. (CONT'D)

more than one year. BUNNY DEVINE said she had talked with JAMES JACKSON about the possibility of organizing a new club in their area with members of their intellectual and cultural level and that he was in favor of it. She said she believed her husband, JOHN DEVINE, and ESTHER JACKSON would join such a club.

A fourth source advised on April 16, 1968, that JAMES JACKSON, husband of ESTHER JACKSON, is the Chairman of the International Affairs Department, CP, USA.

[redacted] (S) b1

FD-323 (Rev. 11-29-61)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

April 30, 1969

Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE; COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

Character RACIAL MATTERS; INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Memorandum prepared at Atlanta, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 8 1969

54668
80514 73516 TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

FBI WASH DC

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-1-80 BY SP4 JCM

FBI BIRMGHAM

550PM DEFERRED 5-8-69 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (100-438794)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-115) 2P

DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, MAY SEVEN - EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTYNINE. RM.

[redacted] ADVISED ON MAY EIGHT, INSTANT, THAT ON THE NIGHT OF MAY SEVEN, LAST, APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED TWENTY TO ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE NEGROES MARCHED FROM ABOUT EIGHT FIFTY P.M. UNTIL TEN P. M. IN DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM NEAR THE A. G. GASTON MOTEL. [redacted] SAID THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS OR VIOLENCE.

THE "BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD," A DAILY NEWSPAPER, FOR MAY EIGHTH, INSTANT, PRINTED A STORY INDICATING APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE NEGROES STAGED A ONE AND ONE-HALF HOUR "FREEDOM MARCH" THROUGH DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM ON THE NIGHT OF MAY SEVEN, LAST. THIS NEWSPAPER SAID ONE OF THE MARCHERS SPOKE OUT AGAINST A DONATION GIVEN BY NEGRO BILLIONAIRE, A. G. GASTON, TO THE FUND FOR SLAIN

EX-102
REC-124 100-438794-2665

END PAGE ONE

25 MAY 13 1969

MAY 16 1969

BIRMINGHAM POLICE OFFICER, AZELL HARRIS' FAMILY. THIS ARTICLE SAID THAT THE GROUP WAS CLOSELY GUARDED BY POLICE AND AT ONE POINT THEY ASSEMBLED AT THE GASTON MOTEL, WHICH IS OWNED BY A. G. GASTON. ONE OF THE MARCHERS WITH A BULLHORN TOLD THE CROWD "DO NOT LOSE YOUR HEADS, WE COULD NOT AFFORD TO LOSE OUR HEADS AND GET MAD."

ADMINISTRATIVE:

LOCAL MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT AND STATE INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES PRESENT DURING MARCH. LHM FOLLOWS. AIR MAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA AND MOBILE.

END

PGH

FBI WASH DC

cc MR. TRAINOR
ROOM 836 9&D IDIU
COPY SENT

FD-36 (Rev. 8-23-64)

CONFIDENTIAL

FBI

Date: 5/1/69

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-115)(P)

SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES BY
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
4/28 - 30/69

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a Letterhead Memorandum suitable for dissemination. Also enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of FD-376.

Copies of this Letterhead Memorandum have been disseminated locally to military intelligence agencies, USA, Birmingham, and Secret Service, Birmingham. Copies are also being disseminated to the Atlanta and Mobile Offices for information.

b1

[redacted]

100-438794-2666

11- ENCLOSURE

2 - Bureau (Enc. 13)(RM)
1 - Atlanta (100-5718)(Info)(RM)
1 - Mobile (157-3077)(Info)(RM)
3 - Birmingham
(1 - 157-115)
(1 - 157-804)(Possible Racial Violence, Major Urban Areas)
(1 - 157-)(JOHNNY BURRELL)
CBS:sjm
(7)

REC 12 18 MAY 5 1969

ST-106

AGENCY: CRD, [redacted] IIU, ACSI, OSI, 55

HOW FORW: [redacted]

DATE FORW: 5/12/69

BY: Ceplano

RACIAL INT. SECT.

Room 838
9 & D

2 LHM-D

CONFIDENTIAL

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

155 MAY 26 1969

FD-479 (Rev. 8-1-68)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 1, 1969

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE APRIL 28 - 30, 1969

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

7. X For possible interest of the U. S. Secret Service.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service, Birmingham

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Birmingham, Alabama
May 1, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

RE: DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES BY
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
APRIL 28 - 30, 1969

A Confidential Source of the Birmingham Office furnished the following information on April 28, 1969:

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) held a public meeting at the Macedonia Baptist Church, 13th Avenue, North, Birmingham, on the night of April 28, 1969. Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth, President of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, a pro-civil rights organization, was the guest speaker. He spoke in general about welfare to poor people and did not make a very long talk. He noticed some police outside the church and commented as to why they did not come inside. He stated that apparently they were just watching the people come and go. One of the speakers indicated that an effort would be made to build up enough money for the campaign because it was expected that it would go on for a long time. A request was made for all people from Jefferson County on welfare to come to join the demonstrations. All could go to the Welfare Office to see the head officials about giving them more money. One speaker stated that a woman with ten children is unable to get but $150 a month under the present "setup." A call was made for all maids and yard help to leave their present jobs with white people. The speaker said let them do their own work. He said all the maids and yard people could come and join the marches and it would do them more good.

There was some talk in the meeting about running a picture of the "tape recorder" in the newspapers to let people see what is being done. It is noted that some kind of listening device was taken out of the pockets of a teenage boy at one of these recent mass meetings. One of the

54 6PP 80514
73518
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-1-80 BY SP 4 SR/AW

COPIES DESTROYED
362 OCT 16 1970

100-438794-2666

ENCLOSURE

speakers charged that the boy's mother knew what he was doing when he put the tape recorder in his pocket. A plea was made for more people to get in on the marches. $35.00 was taken up in contributions.

There were approximately 700 people present at this meeting. It was announced that the next meeting would be held at the Metropolitan Church in Ensley.

FBI Agents observed on April 29, 1969, that no march was held on this date.

The above-mentioned source furnished the following information on April 29, 1969:

The SCLC held a mass meeting on April 29, 1969, at the Metropolitan CME Church, 1600 Avenue K, Ensley. A leaflet indicated that the Reverend L. H. Welchel is the pastor of this church, that the guest speaker would be Reverend Walter Fauntroy, Vice Mayor of Washington, D. C., and Larry Jones, President of a teenage Community Relations Council. Approximately 300 people attended this meeting. Reverend Fauntroy did not appear due to the fact that he had to attend to serious business elsewhere.

An unknown Negro minister from Crenshaw County, Alabama said that the Negroes are going to have to stop singing, clapping hands, and stomping their feet. Instead they are going to have to do something about their situation. This minister asked where the Birmingham ministers were this night as they did not show up for the meeting. He said to have results, local ministers certainly must make an appearance at these meetings. The speaker said that Alabama is behind all the states in payment of welfare checks. It was further alleged that the officials heading the Welfare Department, State of Alabama, are pocketing most of the money. The speaker said that the reason many Negro people do not come to Birmingham is that "they string them up and hang them." One young man, name not known, spoke up and said that he had come to Birmingham sometime ago but he had not found it to be true that he had been treated that way. He said "they" may be putting them in jail in Birmingham, but they also put them in jail in Washington, D. C. and besides used tear gas as well.

There was no organization of this night's meeting. It was discouraging and some of the people wondered where all the others were who should be there. There are plans for big meetings to come as soon as they can get responsible leaders back to Birmingham. It was not announced where the next night's meeting would be since there was no responsible leadership present and it was not really known where the meeting would take place. It was alleged that many of the Birmingham Negro ministers will not let the people use their churches and it is getting more difficult to find a place to meet.

Young men were present dressed in large, wide shirts hanging out of their belts, which shirts were gaily colored tan, yellow, or other colors. It was noticeable that they were going about the crowd with the avowed purpose of finding Negro policemen, believed to be sent to these meetings each night. One of the boys in this group of six to ten has the first name of "Jesse," and he allegedly knows the Negro police officer thought to be attending. They looked in vain, however, for such an officer, and it was believed that he slipped out when he learned he was being looked for. The young man threatened to throw him out if they ever found him at the meetings. There is some question as to whether these young men represent only the SCLC or whether they may be connected with some other organization. They seem to have a lot of nerve in their actions and spoke strongly about throwing out either white or black police officers if one should ever be found at a meeting. They continue to sing at these meetings a song about, "White man, you better do right, or we will get mad."

It was announced that Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, President of SCLC, had been released from jail.

On April 30, 1969, FBI Agents observed the following events:

At 2:00 p.m., about 46 Negroes, including women and children, led by Johnny Burrell, Birmingham civil rights leader, left Kelly Ingram Park, Birmingham, and marched on various streets of downtown Birmingham to the Jefferson County Pensions and Security Office on Eighth Avenue, North. The group stood in front of the building and some of the

leaders, names not known, spoke for about 15 minutes against poverty in general. They then marched to the Jefferson County Food Stamp building, which is just off Eighth Avenue, North, about three blocks from the Pensions and Security building, where they spoke about 20 minutes outside of the building. They then proceeded on various downtown streets to Kelly Ingram Park where they dispersed about 3:45 p.m. without incident.

The above-mentioned source advised on April 30, 1969, that SCLC held a mass meeting on April 30, 1969, at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Paul's AME Church, 300 Fourth Court, North, Birmingham. Approximately 200 or 250 individuals were at this meeting. There was no guest speaker. Employees from various business places donated money to SCLC as the collection plates were passed. It was announced that the group would meet on May 1, 1969, at 11:00 a.m. at the Jefferson County Food Stamp Office to demonstrate.

Shortly after 9:00 p.m., one of the SCLC leaders mentioned something about Hosea Williams being out of town and the local Birmingham Negroes giving very little support to this movement. As a result, approximately 200 of these Negroes left the church and proceeded to Kelly Ingram Park in downtown Birmingham. The group left Kelly Ingram Park and after marching around downtown Birmingham until about 10:45 p.m., the group returned to Kelly Ingram Park, most of them dispersing as they entered the park, and the remainder returned by bus to the place from which they started, St. Paul's AME Church. No incidents and no violence occurred during the two marches on April 30, 1969.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

FD-302 (Rev. 11-28-61)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Alabama
May 1, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Title DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA APRIL 28 - 30, 1969

Character RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Letterhead Memorandum dated May 1, 1969, at Birmingham, Alabama

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT
DATE 10-1-80 BY SP4 Rinaldi

5406
60514
73518

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

0 62 (Rev. 1-23-69)

SECRET

TREAT AS YELLOW

FBI

Date:

Transmit the message that follows by coded teletype:

☐ IMMEDIATE
☐ URGENT

* *

To:

☑ THE PRESIDENT

☐ WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM
☐ ATT.: _____

☐ SECRETARY OF STATE

☑ DIRECTOR, CIA

☐ DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
☐ AND NATIONAL INDICATIONS CENTER

☑ DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

☑ DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

☐ U. S. SECRET SERVICE (PID) ☑ ENCODED ☐ PLAINTEXT

☑ ATTORNEY GENERAL (BY MESSENGER)

☐

FIELD DISSEMINATION

☐

☐

VIA TELETYPE
MAY 2 1969
ENCIPHERED

AEL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 12-1-80 BY SP4 JLM

From: DIRECTOR, FBI

Classification:

Subject:

(Text of message begins on next page.)

Approved _____

☐ Sent _____ M Per _____

Classified by 6080
Exempt from GDS, Category 2
Date of Declassification Indefinite
ED 16 30 11-30-77

JUL 12 1972

XEROXED ORIGINAL

SECRET

SECRET

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE.

CODE PRIORITY

TO: THE PRESIDENT

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

TO: U. S. SECRET SERVICE (PID) ENCODED

TO: ATTORNEY GENERAL (BY MESSENGER).

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY 5814 JRM/lh
REASON FOR EXTENSION 2
FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 5-29-89

54 6 PG
80514
2354

SECRET-NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION

(U)

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE STRATEGY IN COLUMBIA AND CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ASCERTAINED ON MAY 1 [illegible], THAT [illegible], EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), DISCUSSED THE CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA HOSPITAL WORKERS STRIKE WITH STANLEY LEVISON. KING, APPARENTLY ALLUDING TO A MEETING, TOLD LEVISON THAT THERE HAVE BEEN PERSONALITY CONFLICTS BUT THAT THEY HAVE WORKED OUT ROLES FOR EACH OTHER AND HAVE BEEN [illegible] FOR THE FINAL DAY OF THE WEEK. HE SAID IT MAY WORTH TO DO THAT ONE

see b serial
dated 5/2/68
Legat

COPIES DESTROYED
562 OCT 16 1978

SECRET

PAGE TWO (T [illegible] T-D [illegible])

SEND A TEAM TO COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ORGANIZE [illegible]
THE SCHEDULED VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIXON TO COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
ON SATURDAY, MAY THREE, NINETEEN SIXTYNINE.

LEVISON FELT THAT THIS WAS THE PROPER WAY TO HANDLE
THESE KINDS OF CONFLICTS AND URGED THAT A BIG MEETING BE PLANNED.

YOUNG SAID HE IS NOT TOO OPTIMISTIC ABOUT WINNING
(THE SIRICA) IN SOUTH CAROLINA BUT LEVISON ENCOURAGED HIM THAT
HE WOULD WIN IF HE HOLDS OUT. LEVISON CAUTIONED AGAINST PUBLICIZING
ANY STATE ISSUES OTHER THAN THE GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

YOUNG SEES THE KOLC CAPITALIZING ON A FRAMEWORK THEY
HAVE LAID IN THE CITIZENSHIP SCHOOLS AND FEELS IT IS IMPORTANT,
TO CALL IN THEIR CITIZENSHIP CONTACTS FROM OVER THE [illegible].
YOUNG COMMENTED THAT KIN, LOCK OR DINK THEY WILL MOBILIZE SOUTH
CAROLINA POLITICALLY IN THE PROCESS. HE SAID THEY [illegible]
IN THEIR ABILITY TO MAKE THE ECONOMIC POWER STRUCTURE KEEP THE
POLITICAL POWER STRUCTURE IN LINE AND THAT THEY ARE WORKING ON
THIS. HE NOTED THAT THEY WILL TAKE THE ISSUE TO COLUMBIA AND
MAKE THE WHITE PEOPLE ANGRY AT THE GOVERNOR FOR BRINGING THE
PROBLEM TO THAT CITY. HE SAID THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
REALLY STIR UP CONDITIONS IN THE STATE. YOUNG NOTED THAT THEY
HAVE DONE MORE GROUNDWORK WORK IN SOUTH CAROLINA THAN ANY OTHER
STATE IN THE SOUTH AND THAT THE CITIZENSHIP SCHOOLS HAVE TAUGHT THE
PEOPLE IN EVERY COUNTY. HE ESTIMATED THAT SIX TO EIGHT THOUSAND
PEOPLE HAVE ATTENDED THESE SCHOOLS IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

END PAGE TWO

[illegible] (CONTINUATION)

LEVISON TOLD YOUNG THAT HE COULD HOLD OUT MUCH LONGER THAN THE GOVERNOR AND THAT THE LONGER THE ACTIVITY GOES ON THE MORE MONEY WILL BE RECEIVED. HE SAID THAT DURATION IS IMPORTANT AND THAT THE GOVERNOR IS DOING HIMSELF A GREAT DISSERVICE BY HOLDING OUT. HE ADVISED YOUNG NOT TO LET THE CURFEW REDUCE THE MOMENTUM.

LEVISON FELT THAT WHAT IS NEEDED IS TO HAVE SOME CELEBRITIES GO TO CHARLESTON AND YOUNG SUGGESTED JOHN CONYERS, UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN FROM DETROIT AND ALLARD LOWENSTEIN, UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN FROM LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK. HE SAID THEY KNOW LOWENSTEIN AND KNOW THEY CAN GET THE TWO OF THEM. LEVISON PROMISED TO CONTACT CONYERS AND SEE IF THEY NEED ANYONE ELSE.

LEVISON ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT CORETTA KING RETURN TO CHARLESTON IN ABOUT TEN DAYS, NOT TO GO TO JAIL, BUT TO SHOW SHE STILL SUPPORTS THE STRIKE.

YOUNG SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE DRAMATIC TO FLY IN CESAR CHAVEZ (LEADER OF THE FARM WORKERS IN CALIFORNIA) AND SOME FARM WORKERS AND IF POSSIBLE FLY SOME OF THE HOSPITAL WORKERS TO LOS ANGELES FOR A RALLY TO SHOW THAT FARM WORKERS CAN BE ORGANIZED. HE MENTIONED THAT BOB LEWIS WOULD ORGANIZE THIS EVENT.

PAGE THREE

SECRET

PAGE FOUR (S E C R E T-NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION)

LEVISON RECOMMENDED THAT YOU BE CONTACT LEVIS ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL.

[redacted] b1

P-1

MMH

APPROVED BY SA ALBERT D. WISCHMEIER

END

SECRET

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION
MAY 10 1969

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

FBI WASH DC

OSOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

FBI JKSN MISS

857 PM URGENT 5-10-69 JWD

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM AND COLUMBIA

FROM JACKSON (157-NEW) (P)

SCLC ACTIVITY, CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA. RM. [redacted] BATESVILLE, MISS., ADVISED THIS DATE SCLC CHARTERED BUS DEPARTED BATESVILLE, MISS. AT THREE FORTY FIVE PM. BUS EN ROUTE TO WINONA, AND GRENADA, MISS., TO PICK UP ADDITIONAL PERSONS FROM MISS. TO TRAVEL TO CHARLESTON, S. C. [redacted] ADVISED R. B. COTTONREADER, SCLC ACTIVITIST IN THE STATE OF MISS., SPOKESMAN AND IN CHARGE OF BUS. COTTONREADER, NEGRO, MALE, DATE OF BIRTH JULY FOURTEEN, THIRTY ONE, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE FORTY ONE POUNDS, BUILD SLENDER, HAS BEEN ACTIVE WITH SCLC IN MISS. FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS. [redacted] FURTHER ADVISED BUS TO ARRIVE BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

END PAGE ONE

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 10-1-80 BY SP4 JM/lch

54 MAY 16 1969

EX-111

REC-125 100-438794-2667

3 MAY 13 1969

PAGE TWO

TEN PM THIS DATE, ATLANTA, GA., TWO THIRTY AM, MAY ELEVEN, NEXT, AND WILL ARRIVE CHARLESTON, S. C. MAY ELEVEN, NEXT AT NINE AM. [redacted] KNEW OF NO ONE ON BUS WHO HAS A PROPENSITY TOWARD RACIAL VIOLENCE.

GREYHOUND BUS NUMBER ONE TWO FOUR SIX, [redacted] DEPARTED GRENADA, MISS. FOUR FIFTY PM AFTER COOK RECEIVED NINETY ONE DOLLARS FROM COTTONREADER FOR FARES. [redacted] DISPLAYED GREYHOUND COMPANY SHEET LISTING DEPOSITS AMOUNT FOR BUS TOTALING ONE THOUSAND NINETY FOUR DOLLARS.

BUS WITH TWENTYTHREE ADULTS, INCLUDING SEVEN WOMEN, NO CHILDREN, DEPARTED WINONA, MISS. SIX TEN PM DESTINATION BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, TRAVELING ROUTE EIGHTY TWO AND ELEVEN SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE TEN PM.

COTTONREADER FOLLOWING BUS IN SIXTYNINE PLYMOUTH FOUR DOOR, GREEN VINYL OVER GRAY, SIXTY NINE MISSISSIPPI LICENSE TWO TWO C FOUR ONE TWO THREE.

END PAGE TWO

COTTONREADER AND BUS PASSENGERS MAJOR WRIGHT, JAMES PHIPPS AND REVEREND L. C. COLEMAN, ALL INTERVIEWED AND ALL STATED THAT ALL TWENTYTHREE PERSONS WERE PERSONALLY KNOWN AND STATED THAT NONE ARE ARMED OR HAVE INCLINATION OR PROPENSITY FOR VIOLENCE. [redacted] [redacted] STATED HE HAD SEEN NO WEAPONS NOR HAD HEARD ANY CONVERSATION WHICH WAS MILITANT OR AGGRESSIVE. b7D

BUS TO TRAVEL FROM BIRMINGHAM VIA ROUTE SEVENTYEIGHT TO ATLANTA AND VIA ROUTE TWENTY, TWO SEVENTYEIGHT AND SEVENTYEIGHT TO ARRIVE CHARLESTON, S. C. NINE AM FIVE ELEVEN SIXTYNINE.

APPROPRIATE LOCAL STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

REMETEL THIS DATE.

ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM NOTIFY APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AND FURNISH COLUMBIA WITH ANY INFORMATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO BOARD BUS HAVING PROPENSITY FOR VIOLENCE.

SELECTED RACIAL INFORMANTS CONTACTED AND STATE NO PERSONS ON BUS HAVING PROPENSITY FOR VIOLENCE.

LHM FOLLOWS.

END

CAB

FBI WASH DC

TUPP

COMM SENT, IDIU

CC- MR. TRAINOR
ROOM 836 9&D

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAY 10 1969

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 10-1-80 BY SP4JRM/LC

FBI WASH DC

FBI BIRMGHAM

12-37 AM CST URGENT 5-11-69 GA

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, COLUMBIA

FROM BIRMINGHAM

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) ACTIVITY, CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA. RM.

[redacted] BIRMINGHAM, ALA., ADVISED MAY TEN, SIXTYNINE, CHARTERED GREYHOUND BUS NUMBER ONE TWO FOUR SIX ARRIVED BIRMINGHAM TEN P. M., MAY TEN, SIXTYNINE, WITH TWENTYSIX PASSENGERS. BUS CHANGED DRIVERS AND AND DEPARTED BIRMINGHAM AT ELEVEN THIRTY P. M., ENROUTE ATLANTA, GA., WITH SAME TWENTYSIX PASSENGERS.

[redacted] SAID PASSENGERS POLITE AND FRIENDLY, HOWEVER, SOME BECAME IMPATIENT WHEN LEARNED BUS WOULD STOP IN ATLANTA FOR CHANGE OF DRIVER AND REFUELING AS PASSENGERS CONCERNED ABOUT ARRIVING IN CHARLESTON, S.C., BY NINE A.M., MAY ELEVEN.

[redacted] DID NOT OBSERVE R. B. CONNTONREADER,S CAR AT TERMINAL.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

EX-103 REC-125 100-438794-2668

RE JACKSON TEL MAY TEN, SIXTYNINE. AIR MAIL COPY JACKSON.

END.

WA GBJP COPY SENT: IDIU

25 MAY 13 1969

FBI WASH DC

60 MAY 13 1969 MINOR
ROOM 836 9&D

VIA TELETYPE
MAY 2 1969
ENCIPHERED

SECRET

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

bnc

...18 On telephone contact with [redacted] 5/28/69;

FBI NEW YORK Buffile 157-632- has been consolidated into buffile 100-438794. Cons/Bw 5/29/69

7-27 PM URGENT 5-2-69 WPK

TO DIRECTOR 100-438794 AND COLUMBIA (CODE)

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 100-149194 5P

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION; SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

CO ~~MINFIL SCLC~~; INTERNAL SECURITY-C; OO-ATLANTA.

Southern Christian Leadership Conference - Communist

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFO IN THE PAST, ASCERTAINED ON MAY TWO, INSTANT, THAT ANDREW YOUNG, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, ~~SCLC~~ SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, DISCUSSED THE CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA HOSPITAL WORKERS STRIKE WITH STANLEY LEVISON. YOUNG, APPARENTLY ALLUDING TO A MEETING, TOLD LEVISON THAT THERE HAVE BEEN PERSONALITY CONFLICTS BUT THAT THEY HAVE WORKED OUT ROLES FOR EACH OTHER AND HAVE GIVEN ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK. HE SAID THEY AGREED TO SEND A TEAM TO COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ORGANIZE AGAINST THE SCHEDULED VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIXON TO COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA ON SATURDAY, MAY THREE, NEXT. [S]

REC-112 100-438794-2669

5 MAY 14 1969

LEVISON FELT THAT THIS WAS THE PROPER WAY TO HANDLE THESE KINDS OF CONFLICTS AND URGED THAT A BIG MEETING BE PLANNED. [S]

END PAGE ONE

SECRET

54 MAY 22 1969

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

COPY SENT TO MR. TOLSON

SECRET

PAGE TWO

YOUNG SAID HE IS NOT TOO OPTIMISTIC ABOUT WINNING (THE STRIKE) IN SOUTH CAROLINA BUT LEVISION ENCOURAGED HIM THAT HE WOULD WIN IF HE HOLDS OUT. LEVISON CAUTIONED AGAINST RAISING ANY STATE ISSUES OTHER THAN THE GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

YOUNG SEES THE SCLC CAPITALIZING ON A FRAMEWORK THEY HAVE LAID IN THE CITIZENSHIP SCHOOLS AND FEELS IT IS IMPORTANT, TO CALL IN THEIR CITIZENSHIP CONTACTS FROM OTHER COUNTIES. YOUNG COMMENTED THAT WIN, LOSE OR DRAW THEY WILL MOBILIZE SOUTH CAROLINA POLITICALLY IN THE PROCESS. HE SAID THEIR POWER HAS BEEN IN THEIR ABILITY TO MAKE THE ECONOMIC POWER STRUCTURE KEEP THE POLITICAL POWER STRUCTURE IN LINE AND THAT THEY ARE WORKING ON THIS. HE NOTED THAT THEY COULD TAKE THE ISSUE TO COLUMBIA AND MAKE THE WHITE PEOPLE ANGRY AT THE GOVERNOR FOR BRINGING THE PROBLEM TO THAT CITY. HE SAID THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY STIR UP SOMETHING IN THE STATE. YOUNG MENTIONED THAT THEY HAVE DONE MORE UNDERGROUND WORK IN SOUTH CAROLINA THAN ANY OTHER STATE IN THE SOUTH AND THAT THE CITIZENSHIP SCHOOLS HAVE TRAINED PEOPLE ~~PEOPLE~~ IN EVERY COUNTY. HE ESTIMATED THAT SIX TO SEVEN HUNDRED PEOPLE HAVE ATTENDED THESE SCHOOLS IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

END PAGE TWO

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE THREE

LEVISON TOLD YOUNG THAT HE COULD HOLD OUT MUCH LONGER THAN THE GOVERNOR AND THAT THE LONGER THE ACTIVITY GOES ON THE MORE MONEY WILL BE RECEIVED. HE SAID THAT DURATION IS IMPORTANT AND THAT THE GOVERNOR IS DOING HIMSELF A GREAT DISSERVICE BY HOLDING OUT. HE ADVISED YOUNG NOT TO LET THE CURFEW REDUCE THE MOMENTUM.

LEVISON FELT THAT WHAT IS NEEDED IS TO HAVE SOME CELEBRITIES GO TO CHARLESTON AND YOUNG SUGGESTED JOHN CONYERS, UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN FROM DETROIT AND ALLARD LOWENSTEIN, UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN FROM LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK. HE SAID THEY KNOW LOWENSTEIN AND KNOW THEY CAN GET THE TWO OF THEM. LEVISON PROMISED TO CONTACT CONYERS AND SEE IF THEY NEED ANYONE ELSE.

LEVISON ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT CORETTA KING RETURN TO CHARLESTON IN ABOUT TEN DAYS, NOT TO GO TO JAIL, BUT TO SHOW SHE IS STILL BACKING THE STRIKE.

YOUNG SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE DRAMATIC TO FLY IN CESAR CHAVEZ (LEADER OF THE FARM WORKERS IN CALIFORNIA) AND SOME FARM WORKERS AND IN RETURN FLY SOME OF THE HOSPITAL WORKERS TO

END PAGE THREE

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE FOUR

LOS ANGELES FOR A RALLY TO SHOW THAT POOR WORKERS CAN ORGANIZE. HE MENTIONED THAT ONE ED LEWIS WOULD DEFRAY THIS EXPENSE.

LEVISON RECOMMENDED THAT YOUNG CONTACT LEWIS ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL.

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, IN APRIL, ONE NINE SIX FOUR, DESCRIBED STANLEY LEVISON AS A SECRET MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AS OF JULY, ONE NINE SIX THREE.

ADMINISTRATIVE

[redacted] b1 (S)

[redacted] C

THE ED LEWIS MENTIONED WAS NOT FURTHER DESCRIBED EXCEPT TO INDICATE HE IS WITH A FILM COMPANY.

COLUMBIA TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED AND AIRMAIL COPY SENT ATLANTA. (W)

[redacted] b1

END PAGE FOUR

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE FIVE

[redacted] b1

[redacted] (S) C

MEMO

NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

END

WA...REM FBI WASHDC

SECRET

VAN COPY SENT. IDIU

Classified by 6080
Exempt from GDS, Category 2
Date of Declassification Indefinite

SECRET

Domestic Intelligence Division

DECLASSIFIED BY SP-4 AM/JC LED 10,00 11-30-77
ON 10-1-80 54656 60514

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5/2/69

135K Attached relates information received through a highly confidential source about a conversation between Andrew Young of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Stanley Levison, described as a secret member of the Communist Party as of July, 1963. They discussed sending a team to Columbia, South Carolina, to organize against the scheduled visit of President Nixon in that city on 5/3/69. They also discussed the demonstrations presently being conducted in Charleston, South Carolina, where Negroes under the leadership of the SCLC have been demonstrating in an effort to form a hospital workers union. In their opinion they are optimistic about the outcome of these demonstrations and Levison instructed Young to continue these demonstrations in spite of a curfew. They also discussed bringing two U.S. congressmen to Charleston to assist in these demonstrations. Levison recommended that Mrs. Martin Luther King return to Charleston to show she is still backing the demonstrations. (S)

Information in attached was disseminated by teletype to the President, Secret Service and the military. A copy was forwarded to the Attorney General and to the Internal Security Division of the Department. A copy of attached was furnished Inter-Division Information Unit of Department (U)

ABK:chs

SECRET

4-750 (2-7-79)

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

2 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

☒ Deleted under exemption(s) b1 with no segregable material available for release to you.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

☐ Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____ _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

_____

_____

☐ For your information: _____

_____

☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
100-438794-2670

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
DELETED PAGE(S)
NO DUPLICATION FEE
FOR THIS PAGE
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FBI/DOJ

FD-11 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 5/9/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (100-1681) (P)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
RM
Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Enclosed for the Bureau, Atlanta and Birmingham, is a copy of Organization Chart, 1969 - 2nd Chapter of the Poor People's Campaign.

This organizational chart was furnished by

[redacted]

This item was made available on 4/29/69.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-1-80 BY SP4 JRM/ld
54688 80514
73518

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

(2) - Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)
1 - Atlanta (Info) (Enc. 1) (100-5718) (RM.)
1 - Birmingham (Info) (Enc. 1) (157-115) (RM)
7 - Mobile (2-100-1681)
(1-157-3107)
(1-157-3007)
(1-44-439)
(1-100-1342)
(1-176-3)

100-438794-2671

REC-117

CAR/jh
(11)

1 MAY 14 1969

RACIAL INT. SECT.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

151 MAY 21 1969 Special Agent in Charge

1969 - 2nd Chapter of the

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

Organization Chart

4-22-67

Dr. Ralph David Abernathy
President

Steering Committee - Executive Staff

Washington Office
Walter E. Fauntroy, National Coordinator
John Rutherford, Admin. Asst.
Ivanhoe Donaldson,
Deputy Coordinator for Field Operations
Jefferson P. Rogers
Deputy Coordinator for D.C. Operations

ISSUE STRUCTURE

Legislative Strtegy	Hunger	Jobs	Equal Employ. Gov. Contracts	School Desegr.	End the War
Marion Wright C. Holman L. Carter Ed Sylvester C. Alexander	Hosea Wms. (Southern) Jesse Jackson (Northern)	B. Lafayette	[illegible] Sampson	Goldch Frinks (South) James Bevel (Quality Ed.)	Stoney Cooks B.S. Lee Leon Hall

GROUP MOBILIZATION STRUCTURE

Poor Whites	Mex. Americans Amer. Indians	Puerto Ricans	Students	Welfare Rights
Andy Young Dorothy Cotton	B. Lafayette	Jack O'Dell	Stoney Cooks	Ivanhoe Donaldson

SAC, Birmingham

5/15/69

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. Parkis

DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES BY
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
MAY 6, 1969
RACIAL MATTERS

Reurairtel and letterhead memorandum dated 5/7/69.

Form FD-376 should not be used to forward letterhead memoranda setting forth information concerning demonstrations. It should be used only for individuals.

The two copies of FD-376 which were submitted with referenced communications were altered to include an item 7 which read: "Of possible interest to Secret Service." In the future, no changes should be made on this form. The FD-376 accompanying referenced communication was not used to transmit copies to Secret Service.

CAP:slw/bjr
(5)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-1-80 BY SP4J Rmlel

NOTE:

FD-376 is a Bureau form used to transmit information concerning individuals to Secret Service. The form contains items to be checked setting forth the reason for transmittal of the information to Secret Service. The Birmingham Office altered the form to use it for transmitting information concerning a demonstration.

100-438794-2672

REC 27 -3 MAY 15 1969

MAILED 21
MAY 15 1969
COMM-FBI

56 MAY 20 1969

ENCLOSURE

TELETYPE UNIT

FD-376 (Rev. 8-1-68)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

May 7, 1969

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: Demonstrations and Activities by Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Birmingham, Alabama, May 6, 1969

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

7. X Of possible interest to the U. S. Secret Service.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

2-Bureau (RM)

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)
U. S. Secret Service (Birmingham) (RM)

5/15/69 (Rec'd 5:15 p.m.)

100-[illegible] - [illegible]

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED)

ENCLOSURE

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: May 7, 1969

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL-REGISTERED (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-115)

DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, MAY 6, 1969
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Also enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of FD-376.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum have been disseminated locally to Military Intelligence Agencies, USA, Birmingham, and the U. S. Secret Service, Birmingham. Copies are also being disseminated to the Atlanta and Mobile Offices for information.

2-Bureau (Enc.13)(RM)
1-Atlanta (100-5718)(Info.)(RM)
1-Mobile (157-3077)(Info.)(RM)
2-Birmingham(1-157-115)
(1-157-804)
CBS:rte
(6)

AGENCY: CRD, [redacted], IIU, [redacted], CD, ACSI, OSI, SS
DATE FORM: MAY 12 1969
BY: [redacted]
I & D

REC 103 100-438794-2673

15 MAY 8 1969

ENCLOSURE

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 10-1-80 BY SP4 JRM/RAC/ACMT. SECT.
54BB P0514 73516

51 MAY 20 1969

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M. Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

1400 - 2121 Building

Birmingham, Alabama, 35203

May 7, 1969

Re: Demonstrations and Activities by
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Birmingham, Alabama,
May 6, 1969

On May 6, 1969, FBI Agents observed the following:

At approximately 1:20 p.m., a total of seventeen Negroes, including three juveniles, left Kelly Ingram Park, downtown Birmingham, and marched to the Jefferson County Food Stamp Office, 805 Twenty-second Street, North, Birmingham. The marchers blocked both entrances to the food stamp office for about five minutes, holding up several signs, such as "Justice for the Poor," etc. They left the food stamp office about 1:50 p.m., marched about a block and then returned to the food stamp office. They stood at the front entrance of the building for a few minutes and then left. The group proceeded to the Jefferson County Pensions and Security Office on 8th Avenue, North, Birmingham, where they sang a few minutes and held up their signs. They departed this office and marched back to Kelly Ingram Park, downtown Birmingham, where they disbanded at approximately 2:17 p.m.

There were no incidents or violence of any kind during this march.

[redacted] b7D

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-1-80 BY SP4 JRM/L

100-438794-2673

54688 80514 73546

ENCLOSURE

FBI WASH DC*

CONFIDENTIAL TELETYPE

FBI CINCINTI

6:25 PM URGENT 5/8/69 JDC

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, COLUMBIA, WFO

FROM CINCINNATI (157-2885) 2P

CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY 107-80 5146 Exempt 2
REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 5-8-89
5466 60 5/14 73 14

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

MARCH BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
DAYTON, OHIO, MAY TEN NEXT, ~~(RM)~~ racial matter

[redacted] ADVISED SCLC b7D
RECEIVED PARADE PERMIT TO MARCH IN STREET FROM RIVERVIEW PARK
TO GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL, BOTH DAYTON, BEGINNING ONE PM,
MAY TEN, NEXT. RALLY WILL BEGIN AT PARK AT TEN AM, SPEAKERS AND
ACTIVITIES UNKNOWN TO DATE. SCLC ORGANIZERS EXPECT TWO THOUSAND
PEOPLE. MARCH, WHICH WILL COVER A DISTANCE OF OVER TWO MILES,
WILL BE THROUGH PREDOMINATELY ALL WHITE NEIGHBORHOOD AND
BUSINESS AREA, WHICH WILL BE CROWDED WITH SATURDAY SHOPPERS.
AS OF THIS TIME POLICE WILL ONLY HANDLE TRAFFIC AND PARADE
MARSHALS WILL HANDLE SECURITY.

100-438794-2673X

[redacted] STATED THEIR OFFICE HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION PARADE b7D
MARSHALS ARE MILITANT AND MANY WILL BE CARRYING GUNS.

END PAGE ONE

ST-103 159

REC 44 CONFIDENTIAL 25 MAY 13 1969

7 () MAY 6 1969

TELETYPED TO: 324 10m
(UFO) JUL 2 1969

XEROX MAY 1969

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

[redacted] 61

[redacted] MILITANT NEGROES FROM DAYTON, SPRINGFIELD, AND CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY, ALL OHIO, WILL HANDLE SECURITY FOR MARCH AND ACT AS PARADE MARSHALS. MANY OF THESE HANDLING SECURITY HAVE HAD TRAINING IN JUDO AND DISARMING METHODS AND WILL BE CARRYING GUNS.

[redacted] MEETING WILL BE HELD TONIGHT BY SCLC LEADERS AND MARSHALS TO FINALIZE PLANS.

[redacted] 61

[redacted] MILITANT NEGROES WILL ATTEMPT TO CONTROL MARCH AND POSSIBLY CAUSE TROUBLE IN ALL WHITE AREA ALONG ROUTE OF MARCH.

[redacted] AND ABOVE SOURCES HAVE NO INFORMATION CONFIRMING WHETHER RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, LEADER OF SCLC, WILL APPEAR IN DAYTON FOR MARCH. b7D

ARMY INTELLIGENCE, LOCAL AGENCIES, AND SECRET SERVICE ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

REFERENCE BE CINCINNATI TELETYPE MAY SIX LAST. [redacted] 61

[redacted] BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

MEMO LHM FOLLOWS.

END

ERT

FBI WASH DC*

COPY SENT [illegible]

CONFIDENTIAL

CC- MR. SULLIVAN

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5/8/69

Attached relates to a demonstration in Dayton, Ohio, on 5/10/69 by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. March organizers expect 2,000 to participate. Police expect trouble because Negro militants are involved.

Copy of attached sent Inter-Division Information Unit of Department and pertinent portions of attached will be included in a teletype summary to White House and other interested agencies.

ABK:chs

FD-36 Rev. 3-22-61)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 10-1-80 BY SP4 Wmlw

FBI

Date: 5/8/69

Transmit the following in 5466 BSM 73578 (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-3779) (C)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED PICKETING BY THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA
MAY 2, 1969
RM

AGENCY: ACSI, [illegible], OSI; SEC. SER [illegible] ISD [illegible], PACOM
DATE FORM: 5/14/69
HOW FORM: [illegible]
BY: [illegible]

Re Birmingham airtel to the Director, 4/28/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the above-captioned matter.

Information copies of this letterhead memorandum are being furnished the Atlanta and Mobile Offices.

Copies of this LHM are also being furnished Military Intelligence Agencies, Secret Service and USA, Birmingham.

Local authorities, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, are aware of the activities mentioned in enclosed LHM.

100-438794-2673X1

"T" symbols have been used in this LHM to protect sources, the identity of whom could impede their effectiveness to the Bureau.

REQ 225-635-160 b7D

BH T-1 is [redacted]

ENCLOSURE

3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (AM-RM)
1 - Atlanta (Enc. 1) (AM-RM)
1 - Mobile (Enc. 1) (AM-RM)
3 - Birmingham (1 - 157-3779)
~~(1 - 157-115) (SCLC) (1 - 157-2290) (T.Y. ROGERS)~~

17 MAY 12 1969

RACIAL INT. SECT.

ELW:bla 324 (8)

JUL 2 1969

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

MAY 22 1969

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
May 8, 1969

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 10-1-80 BY SP4 JM/dl

54685
80514
73516

RE: PROPOSED PICKETING BY THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, MAY 2, 1969

Reference is made to a letterhead memorandum captioned as above dated April 28, 1969.

On May 2, 1969, Birmingham Confidential Source T-1 advised that a decision had been reached by the Tuscaloosa Citizens for Action Committee (TCAC), the local civil rights organization representing the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), not to engage in any boycott or picketing of Avery's Supermarket, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Source advised that he understands that an agreement had been reached between ARNOLD AVERY, Owner of Avery's Supermarket, and TCAC concerning the hiring of minority type employees in this store. Source also advised that meetings would be held during the weekend of May 2-4, 1969, in attempts to mediate the various demands being made by TCAC against the Tuscaloosa City Board of Education.

On May 5, 1969, the same source was recontacted and advised that during discussion between Superintendent of City Schools, Dr. H. D. NELSON and the Reverend T. Y. ROGERS, Head of TCAC, it was decided that there would be no boycott of the Tuscaloosa City School System originally scheduled for May 5, 1969. Source advised that in a meeting held on Sunday, May 4, 1969, between NELSON and ROGERS and mediated by the Tuscaloosa Community Relations Advisory Board, a local bi-racial committee, TCAC decided not to boycott the City School System. Source advised that the various issues raised by TCAC were answered fully by Dr. NELSON and it is believed that for this reason, the boycott was called off by TCAC.

100-438794-2673X1

ENCLOSURE

COPIES DESTROYED
1362 OCT 16 1970

RE: PROPOSED PICKETING BY THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, MAY 2, 1969

An article appearing in "The Tuscaloosa News", a newspaper of general circulation in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, dated May 5, 1969, reflected the following headline:

"BOYCOTT IS OFF"

In this article, it is reflected that during a meeting between Reverend T. Y. ROGERS, Head of TCAC and Dr. H. D. NELSON, Superintendent of the City Board of Education, various issues raised in relationship to the operation of city schools were mediated by this discussion.

According to the newspaper article, the issues raised by TCAC and Dr. NELSON's answers were as follows:

1. Penalizing Negro students who stayed away from school on April 4, 1969, the anniversary of the slaying of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. The penalty was the loss of lunch money for the day which had been paid in advance. Dr. NELSON said the children would be given either a free meal or a refund on the money paid.

2. Overcrowding in some classrooms and the use of portable classrooms by Negro children. Dr. NELSON stated that the teacher-pupil ratios and average daily attendance figures shows these classrooms are not overcrowded. He said that portable classrooms are in use throughout the school system.

3. TCAC complained of prejudice and bigotry by white teachers against black students and fights between black and white. Dr. NELSON stated that the official attitude of the city school system is that all pupils should be treated alike and information concerning student fights are hard to obtain; also the number of Negro-white fights is less this year than ever and relationship between races at teacher-pupil level is the best ever.

4. Negro students at Tuscaloosa Junior High are being subject to discriminations since grades are lowered for students who skip school. Dr. NELSON said this is the school policy not a policy of the Board of Education; he also stated it is not discriminatory since it applies to all children in the school.

Other complaints by TCAC concerned Headstart and faculty desegregation. Dr. NELSON answered this by stating the Board of Education was complying with all orders issued by the federal courts in this matter.

The article goes on to state that after the meeting between NELSON and ROGERS, the TCAC Advisory Board met later and voted to abandon the boycott.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

FD-323 (Rev. 11-29-61)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
May 8, 1969

Title	PROPOSED PICKETING BY THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, MAY 2, 1969
Character	RACIAL MATTERS
Reference	Letterhead Memorandum dated May 8, 1969, at Birmingham Alabama.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION
MAY 10 1969

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

FBI WASH DC

TELETYPE

FBI CINCINTI

449PM URGENT 5/10/69 MUL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM CINCINNATI (157-2885)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-1-80 BY SP4 [illegible]

54 66
80 5.4
73 5 18

MARCH BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC),,
DAYTON, OHIO, MAY TEN, SIXTYNINE. RM.

TODAY, [redacted] ADVISED RALLY HELD RIVERVIEW
PARK, DAYTON, BETWEEN ELEVEN AM AND TWELVE NOON. MARCH BEGAN
AT NOON WITH APPROXIMATELY SIXTY MARCHERS INCLUDING A PARADE
OF MARSHALS AND SECURITY GUARDS. MARCHERS UPON ARRIVAL AT
GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL PICKETED FOR APPROXIMATELY FORTYFIVE MINUTES
AND THEN DISBURSED WITHOUT INCIDENT OR ARREST.

ARMY INTELLIGENCE LOCAL AGENCIES AND SECRET SERVICE ADVISED.

DMINISTRATIVE:

REMYTELS MAY SIX AND EIGHT LAST.

AM COPIES ATLANTA, COLUMBIA AND WFO.

LHM FOLLOWS.

END MJ

FBI WASH DC

P

REC 18 100-438794-2673X2
157-[illegible]-158
5 MAY 13 1969

COPY SENT
MR. TRAINOR
ROOM 9&D
IDIU
JUL 2 1969

4-750 (2-7-79)

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

5 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

☒ Deleted under exemption(s) b1 _____ with no segregable material available for release to you.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

☐ Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____ _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

_____

_____

☐ For your information: _____

_____

☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
100-438794-2674

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
DELETED PAGE(S)
NO DUPLICATION FEE
FOR THIS PAGE
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FBI/DOJ

FD-36 (Rev. 8-23-66)

CONFIDENTIAL

FBI

Date: 5/12/69

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY Sgt James
REASON: 3 EXTENDED 2
FROM: [illegible]
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 5-12 89

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-2885) (P)

SUBJECT: MARCH BY SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
DAYTON, OHIO,
May 10, 1969
RM

Re CI teletypes, 5/6,8,10/69.

b1

[redacted]

Receiving offices will remain alert to any information that ABERNATHY will be traveling to Dayton and advise Cincinnati immediately.

If receiving offices obtain information concerning travel of ABERNATHY, submit same under appropriate SCLC or ABERNATHY caption since Cincinnati will close captioned matter with LHM which follows.

3 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Atlanta (RM)
2 - Columbia (RM)
2 - WFO (RM)
3 - Cincinnati (1 - 157-2885)
(1 - 100-14305)

REC-124 100-438794-2675 EX-100

[redacted] b1

MAY 14 1969

GPU/mhc
(12)

CONFIDENTIAL

RACIAL MATTER

Approved: 29 MAY 26 1969 Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

CONFIDENTIAL 5/13/69

10-1-80

CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY SP4JRM/al
REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2 2 13
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 10-13-89

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (105-94203)(P)

SUBJECT: VALERIAN S. NESTEROV
[redacted]
(OO:WFO)

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies; for Philadelphia, two copies, and Atlanta, one copy, of LHM dated and captioned as above.

[redacted] b1

3 - Bureau (Encl.6)
(1 - 100-438794)(SCLC)
1 - Atlanta (100-5718)(SCLC)(Info)(RM)(Encl)
[redacted] b1
(1 - 100-)(SCLC)
2 - WFO
(1 - 100-42300)(SCLC)

EAH:sch
(8)

AIRTEL

100-438794-

NOT RECORDED
MAY 20 1969

MAY 28 1969

CONFIDENTIAL

ORIGINAL FILED IN

SECRET

NO FOREIGN DISSEM

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Washington, D. C. 20535
May 13, 1969

VALERIAN S. NESTEROV [redacted] C

[redacted] (S)

[redacted] (S)

b1

Ralph David Abernathy is the President of SCLC. The SCLC is a nationally known civil rights organization with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. (U)

The SCLC is sponsoring a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., International Freedom Games, Track and Field Meet at Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, May 18, 1969, at 2 pm. (U)

10-1-80

CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY SP4JRmlw
REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2 2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 5-13-85

54688
605.4
73518

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

SECRET

NO FOREIGN DISSEM

Classified by 4080
Exempt from GDS, Category 2
Date of Declassification Indefinite
LED/kia 1A30-1

Gates 1
Mandatory Automatic Downgrading and Declassification

-1- 100-438794-✓

ENCLOSURE

CONFIDENTIAL

FBI

SECRET

Date: 5/13/69

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

12-1-80

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(100-438794)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)
(100-149194)

CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY SP4 JRM/LH
REASON FOR EXTENSION 2
FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 5-13-89

805147 3178, 54685

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

COMINFIL SCLC
(OO: ATLANTA)

[redacted]

RePHairtel to Director, FBI, dated 4/29/69, captioned as above and requesting NY to locate JAMES BEVEL.

The Bureau has instructed PH to interview Rev. JAMES BEVEL of SCLC for information in his possession regarding his statement in "The New York Times", on 3/18/69, that a letter was turned over to Memphis Police on approximately 4/3/68, which contained information that MARTIN LUTHER KING was to be assassinated.

APPROPRIATE OFFICES AND ADDRESSEES NOTIFIED
DAIS 5-23-69 closed pending

100-438794-V
NOT RECORDED
67 MAY 20 1969

CARBON COPY

Classified by 1080
Exempt from GDS, Category 2
Date of Declassification Indefinite
AED/bcw 11-30-77

4 Bureau
(2-44-3886) (MURKIN)
(2-100-438794)
2-Atlanta (SCLC)
3-Philadelphia
(1-44-1368) (MURKIN)
(1-100-47194)
(1-157-2979) (JAMES BEVEL)
2-Memphis (44-1987) (MURKIN)
3-New York
(1-44-1609) (MURKIN)
(1-100-149194) (SCLC)
(1-100-157946) (JAMES BEVEL)

PLC:bc
(15)

Approved: _____ Special Agent in Charge

SECRET

CONFIDENTIAL

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE. By _____

MAY 27 1969

ORIGINAL FILED IN 100-438794-1-5250

[redacted] b1

A lead was set out for NY to locate JAMES BEVEL, and if in a hospital, attempt to determine the reason for hospitalization.

The New York Operation of the SCLC is concerned with fund-raising, and is under the overall supervision of STANLEY LEVISON. NY has maintained close contact with [redacted] a source close to STANLEY LEVISON, in an effort to obtain information that JAMES BEVEL is hospitalized in NY. This source has provided no information indicating that BEVEL is in the NY area. [redacted] b2 b7D

There are over 100 hospitals in the Greater New York area with no central repository of information concerning patients. NY does not plan to canvass hospitals in view of the lack of definite information about BEVEL being hospitalized in NY.

No further action is being taken by NY as to BEVEL.

4-750 (2-7-79)

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET

2 Page(s) withheld entirely at this location in the file. One or more of the following statements, where indicated, explain this deletion.

☒ Deleted under exemption(s) b1 _____ with no segregable material available for release to you.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to you or the subject of your request.

☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

☐ Document(s) originating with the following government agency(ies) _____ _____, was/were forwarded to them for direct response to you.

_____ Page(s) referred for consultation to the following government agency(ies); _____ _____ as the information originated with them. You will be advised of availability upon return of the material to the FBI.

_____ Page(s) withheld for the following reason(s):

_____

_____

☐ For your information: _____

_____

☒ The following number is to be used for reference regarding these pages:
100-438794-NR dated 5/16/69

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X DELETED PAGE(S) X
X NO DUPLICATION FEE X
X FOR THIS PAGE X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

XXXXXX
XXXXXX
XXXXXX

FBI/DO

[redacted]

b7C

FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA 32548

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed are self-explanatory letters (copies) (2). The one dated Feb. 14, 1969 was sent to our National Office [redacted] b7C
The other one, dated April 29, 1969 is the answer to the first letter.

We are sending these to you in order to continue our investigation of that which remains puzzling to us. If after reading them, you can see something which we cannot see and can help us by returning some information to us, we would appreciate it.

We have some questions along with our inquiry about that which we cannot see.

1. Is there any connection between the SCLC and the Black Panthers Organization?

2. Do you know of any funds made directly or indirectly to the Black Panthers or any of the other groups which you mentioned in your speech to the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence, September 18, 1968 by any churches of any denominations as individual congregations or groups of congregations
3. Do you know of any leadership offered/used directly or indirectly from any churches of any denomination as individual congregations or groups of congregations to militant organizations mentioned in that speech?

4. According to your findings, do you see any danger to the security of this country because of the actions which church denominations have taken either directly or indirectly, financially or otherwise? If so, what specifically are those findings and how do they relate to the danger?

5. What is the 10-point program of the Black Panthers and their 10 beliefs and do you feel that such a program is a threat to the security of this country and why?

REC-31 100-438794-Dog 6

We realize to adequately answer this letter takes time and that you are quite busy. But we are very upset and don't know how to act. We accept your authority however and will believe you in regards to our national security. So we feel it quite necessary to have a word from you about our concerns. And we do appreciate the time you give us as we have appreciated your life's work.

Godspeed

12 MAY 19 1969

[redacted]

b7C

Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. 32548

2 ENCLOSURE

CORRESPONDENCE

[redacted]

b7c

FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA 32548

February 14, 1969.

Office of Interpretation
22? S. Downey Ave.
Indianapolis, Indiana 46219

Dear Sirs:

Our church has seriously studied the "Business of the Christian Church" pamphlet which contains the business of the Kansas City Assembly. Our delegates to Kansas made reports in regards to what they saw take place in the Assembly. We commend the Assembly for the manner in which the business of Disciples was handled.

Only one item bothers us and it bothers us greatly. We write you for clarification.

REPORT NO. 29, page 19-20: We understand that part of the expenditures for the "Ecumenical Program" includes $5,000 to SCLC. We understand that the recipient of this $5,000 was The Black Panther Organization. We want to know why.

When monies are sent to The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and designated to groups such as The Black Panther Organization, we want to know if such monies would have been returned, had the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) disapproved of disbursing monies received to The Black Panthers and other organizations? We want to know.

We want to know if the Council of Agencies, The Commission on Brotherhood Finance, and The Steering Committee for The Urban Emergency Program of The Christian Churches, or any other groups or individuals who have a part in the authorizing of funds in the name of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are aware of J. Edgar Hoover, FBI's analysis of The Black Panther Party. To refresh the memories of those in such authority, we offer the following verbatum quotation taken from FBI Hoover's speech to the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence, September 18, 1968, reprinted in VITAL SPEECHES OF THE DAY, Nov. 1, 1968 Issue, p. 42-48. We encourage re-reading of the article in your city library before answering our letter.

> p. 45. "The Black Panther Party is an organization which advocates the use of guerrilla tactics and guns to end the oppression of the black race and the drafting of Negroes to fight in Vietnam. On May 2, 1967, 24 members of this group invaded the California State Assembly at Sacramento, while it was in session. The invaders were armed with rifles, shotguns, and pistols, and claimed they were there to protest a gun registration law. On two occasions during October, 1967 and April, 1968, members of this group engaged in gun battles with the police resulting in the murder of one policeman, as well as the death of one group member and the wounding of another."

We want those who authorized such funds and then reported them to the Assembly for approval to understand fully that we write for clarification only. We want to voice our feelings, but not until we are more fully informed. We are not a congregation that believes in boycotting our Brotherhood work.

We want to know also how to properly voice the opinions and convictions of a local Disciples of Christ congregation in such a way that The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will hear it and will still know that we love them and that we want them to love us. We do not know how to do that properly.

Most Sincerely,

[redacted]

April 29, 1969

[redacted] b7C

Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548

Dear Christian Friends:

Your letter dated February 14, 1969 did not reach the office of the Christian Church until the latter part of March. The letter was later given to me for a response.

First, I would like to commend you for the fine spirit manifested in your letter and the deep concern you have for the church. Now, I would like to address myself in brief fashion but good spirit to the questions raised in your letter.

1. The $5,000 to SCLC found in Report No.29 went in support of the Poor People's Campaign and not to the Black Panther organization. There is absolutely no connection between Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Black Panther organization.

2. The Christian Church has not made any funds available to the Black Panther organization nor has it approved or endorsed the organization.

3. I cannot speak for all the members of the Council of Agencies concerning how knowledgeable they are about the Black Panther organization. Nor can I speak for other groups named in your letter. I can say that the Steering Committee for Reconciliation is aware of what Mr. Hoover has said about the Black Panthers. The Committee is also aware of what the Black Panthers have to say about themselves as found in their 10 point program and their 10 beliefs.

4. We have not received any funds, nor is it likely that we will, for the Black Panther organization.

5. You have done an excellent job of voicing your opinions and convictions and you have been heard.

If you feel that I have failed to answer your questions please feel free to write again. Again, thanks for taking the time to write your opinions and convictions with good taste and an excellent spirit.

Sincerely and fraternally,

[redacted] b7C

May 13, 1969

REC-31

100-438794-2676

[redacted]

Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548 b7c

Dear [redacted]

I received your letter, with enclosures, on May 9th.

While I wish I could be of assistance with respect to your inquiries, I cannot furnish the data you requested or comment as you desire since the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of help to you in this instance.

MAILED 10
MAY 13 1969
COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles indicate that [redacted] was among a group of individuals who participated in the Mississippi Summer Project during 1964. b7c

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-1-80 BY SP4 RMLA
54688 73578 80514

CEE:esd (3)

TELETYPE UNIT

70 JUN 2-1969

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
FBI
MAY 13 1969
TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

FBI WASH DC

FBI CHICAGO

823PM URGENT 5-13-69 DJS

TO DIRECTOR (100-438794), SPRINGFIELD

FROM CHICAGO (105-16238) (P) 2P

CONFIL - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC).

IS - 00: ATLANTA. 54616 80514 73548

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-1-80 BY SP4 JRM/LR

SOURCE AT CHICAGO GREYHOUND BUS LINES ADVISED TODAY THAT INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING SCLC HAVE MADE TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TWENTY-SEVEN BUSES FOR TRAVEL MAY FOURTEEN, NEXT, A.M., TO SPRINGFIELD. USE OF BUSES CONTINGENT UPON DEPOSIT BY SPONSERING ORGANIZATION LATE P.M., INSTANT. AS OF EARLY P.M., INSTANT, DEPOSIT PROMISED BY REPRESENTATIVES SCLC NOT RECEIVED.

REC 27 100-438794-2677

5 MAY 20 1969

BUSES TO DEPART FROM FIFTEEN DIFFERNT LOCATIONS, CHICAGO, BETWEEN HOURS FIVE - SIX A.M., MAY FOURTEEN, NEXT, LOCATIONS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT CHICAGO'S WEST AND SOUTH SIDES. TWO OF LOCATIONS LISTED REPRESENT CHICAGO JUNIOR COLLEGES, NAMELY, CRANE AND WILSON. CHICAGO SOURCES HAVE NO INFORMATION RE GENERAL STUDENT STRIKE CHICAGO, HOWEVER, ONE SOURCE, RELIABLE, ADVISED SEPARATELY TODAY GROUP OF CRANE COLLEGE STUDENTS

END PAGE ONE

54 MAY 28 1969

Included in summary to White House and Attorney General. Date 5/14/69
WLS/dle

PLANNING TRAVEL TO SPRINGFIELD MAY FOURTEEN, NEXT, TO PARTICIPATE IN HUNGER MARCH THERE. STUDENTS WILL HOLD CLASSES ON BUSES AND "ON GRASS" AFTER ARRIVAL SPRINGFIELD. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE RE ANY PLANS OF CHICAGO DEMONSTRATORS TO FOMENT DISORDER IN SPRINGFIELD. NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION AVAILABLE RE PARTICIPATION BLACKSTONE RANGERS, CHICAGO SOUTHSIDE NEGRO STREET GANG, IN SPRINGFIELD ACTIVITIES. MILITARY ADVISED. CHICAGO PD COGNIZANT.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TODAY, UNDER OPERATION BREADBASKET CAPTION. SOURCE AT GREYHOUND IS [redacted] b7C

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IS [redacted] b2 b7D

PERTINENT CHICAGO SOURCES ALERTED RE THIS MATTER AND CHICAGO FOLLOWING CLOSELY WITH GREYHOUND. BUREAU AND SPRINGFIELD WILL BE ADVISED. NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

AM COPY TO ATLANTA.

END

SLB

FBI WASH DC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION
MAY 14 1969

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

2-56 AM CST DEFERRED 5-13-69 GR

TO DIRECTOR AIRMAIL TO ATLANTA

FROM BIRMINGHAM 157-115

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

DEMONSTRATION BY SOUTHERN CHRISTAIN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SCLC, BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA MAY THIRTEEN LAST, R.M.

UNSUBS TWO, OFFICERS OF BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT; ROBERT JOHNSON AND CHARLES FINCHUM-VICTIMS, CR.

[redacted] ADVISED THAT ABOUT SEVEN P.M. MAY THIRTEEN LAST AND SCLC SPONSORED MEETING WAS ATTEMPTED AT TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH THREE TWO EIGHT FOURTH COURT NORTH BIRMINGHAM, BUT PASTOR OF THAT CHURCH REV. J. L. WARE REFUSED USE OF CHURCH BUILDING FOR MEETING. TALKS HELD ON STEPS OF CHURCH BUILDING. ABOUT EIGHT P.M. THE GROUP LINED UP IN A COLUMN OF TWOS AND BEGIN MARCHING. THERE WERE ONE FIVE SIX MARCHERS BY HEAD COUNT ACCORDING TO [redacted] ABOUT EIGHT FOURTY FIVE P.M. AT GRAYMONT AND FIRST STREET WEST, SCLC WORKER ROBERT JOHNSON WAS ARRESTED FOR ASSAULTING POLICE OFFICERS AND A SECOND NEGRO MALE, NAME NOT THEN AVAILABLE, WAS ARRESTED FOR INTERFERING WITH OFFICERS. [redacted]

[redacted] CONTINUED THAT ABOUT NINE FIFTEEN P.M. IN THE TWO HUNDRED BLOCK OF SIX AVENUE NORTH A ROCK WAS THROWN FROM THE DARKEN AREA OF THE MARCHERS WHICH STRUCK OFFICER T. J. ALEXANDER ON THE HIP.

END PAGE ONE

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE
DATE 10-26-80 BY SP4 Sullivan

100-439744-2677
MAY 15 1969

MAY 21 1969
JUL 2 1969

MARCHERS RETURNED TO POINT OF ORIGIN AND DISBANDED ABOUT TEN P.M. THE POLICE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE ESCORTING POLICE OFFICERS WAS [redacted] APPROPRIATE DISSEMINATION IS BEING MADE.

AT TEN THIRTY FIVE P.M. MAY THIRTEEN LAST. [redacted] TELEPHONED BIRMINGHAM SAC AND ADVISED HE IS FROM GEORGIA AND [redacted] CLAIMED THERE WERE ABOUT THREE HUNDRED MARCHERS IN ABOVE DEMONSTRATION, ESCORTED BY ABOUT TWELVE MOTOR CYCLE OFFICERS. HE DESIRED TO MAKE A REPORT OF ~~QUOTE~~ "POLICE HARASSMENT" ~~UNQUOTE~~ IN CONNECTION WITH THE ARREST OF ROBERT JOHNSON AND CHARLES FINCHUM. HE RELATED THAT AS THE COLUMN OF MARCHERS WAS CROSSING A STREET, TWO BIRMINGHAM POLICE OFFICERS RIDING MOTORCYLES NUMBER TWO THREE SIX AND TWO FIVE EIGHT RAN THEIR MOTORCYLES THROUGH THE LINE OF MARCHERS TWICE, THEN ARRESTED JOHNSON AND FINCHUM CLAIMING THE ARRESTEES HAD TRIED TO PULL THE OFFICERS FROM THEIR MOTORCYLES. [redacted] SAID THE MOTORCYLES MAY HAVE BRUSH AGAINST THE MARCHERS BUT THERE WERE NO INJURIES TO ANY OF THE MARCHERS AND THE MARCHERS DID NOT TRY TO PULL THE OFFICERS FROM THEIR MOTORCYLES. [redacted] SAID SCLC IS TRYING TO MAKE THREE HUNDRED DOLLAR BOND EACH FOR JOHNSON AND FINCHUM TO GET THEM OUT OF BIRMINGHAM CITY JAIL. [redacted] SAID HE WAS CALLING SO THAT THE FBI COULD STOP HARASSMENT OF SCLC MARCHERS BY

END PAGE TWO

b7D

BIRMINGHAM POLICE.

BUREAU HAS BEEN KEPT ADVISED OF CONTINUING SCLC DEMONSTRATIONS IN BIRMINGHAM SINCE EARLY LAST APRIL. NUMEROUS ARREST HAVE BEEN MADE. IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT DEMONSTRATIONS AND ARREST WILL CONTINUE INDEFIATLY AND NO DOUBT THE OFFICERS AND DEMONSTRATORS WILL HAVE CONFLICTING ACCOUNTS OF ANY INCIDENTS. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES I DOUBT THE COMPLAINT MADE BY [redacted] IS A SUITABLE b7D

INCIDENT UPON WHICH TO BASE A PRELLIMINARY CIVIL RIGHTS INVESTIGATION AND RECOMMEND VIEWS OF DEPARTMENT BE OBTAINED BEFORE PROCEEDING ALONG THAT LINE. UACB NO INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AND LHM WILL BE SUBMITTED.

END

WA SVM

FBI WASH DC

cc and MR. TRAINOR
cc ROOM 838 9&D
CC- R. ROSEN cc- Mr. Sullivan

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION
MAY 14 1969

TELETYPE CONFIDENTIAL

FBI WASH DC

FBI CHICAGO

1010AM URGENT 5-14-69 DJS

TO DIRECTOR (100-438794) AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM CHICAGO (105-16238) (P) 2P

10-1-80
CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY SP4 Kohler
REASON FOR EXTENSION FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 5-14-89
54655 60514 73518

COMINFIL SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) IS - C.

OO: ATLANTA.

[redacted] CHICAGO GREYHOUND BUS LINES, ADVISED THIS AM THAT INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING SCLC HAD MADE AVAILABLE TO GREYHOUND SUFFICIENT DEPOSIT FOR USE OF TWENTY SEVEN BUSES FOR TRAVEL TO SPRINGFIELD FOR HUNGER MARCH THIS DATE. b7D

ALL BUSES SUBSEQUENTLY UTILIZED AND DEPARTED FROM FIFTEEN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT CITY AT VARIOUS TIMES BETWEEN HOURS FIVE THIRTY-SEVEN AM. [redacted] ESTIMATED THIS WOULD REPRESENT APPROXIMATELY NINE HUNDRED - NINE HUNDRED FIFTY PERSONS.

REC 27 100-438794-2618

MAY 20 1969

RELIABLE CHICAGO SOURCE ADVISED THIS AM THAT STUDENTS FROM VARIOUS CHICAGO JUNIOR COLLEGES TRAVELLING TO SPRINGFIELD VIA THESE BUSES WILL ALSO PROTEST PROPOSED BILL TO CREATE TUITION SYSTEM IN JUNIOR COLLEGES, AS WELL AS PARTICIPATE IN HUNGER MARCH. TEACHERS WILL ACCOMPANY STUDENTS AND HOLD CLASSES ON LAWN STATE CAPITOL. CHANCELLOR CHICAGO JUNIOR COLLEGE SYSTEM HAS STATED,

END PAGE ONE

CONFIDENTIAL

70 MAY 28 1969

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

CONFIDENTIAL

CG 105-16238

IN ANSWER TO PRESS INQUIRIES, THAT ALL CHICAGO CITY COLLEGES OPEN FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL TODAY.

CHICAGO SOURCES HAVE NO INFORMATION REGARDING ANY PLANS FOR VIOLENCE OR DISORDERS BY MEMBERS OF CHICAGO GROUPS, INCLUSIVE OF BLACKSTONE RANGERS, LARGE NEGRO STREET GANG, WHO PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED PLANS TO PARTICIPATE. MILITARY ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE

[redacted] b1 c

AMSD COPY ATLANTA. NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

END

PGI

FBI WASH DC

CONFIDENTIAL

C. D. SULLIVAN